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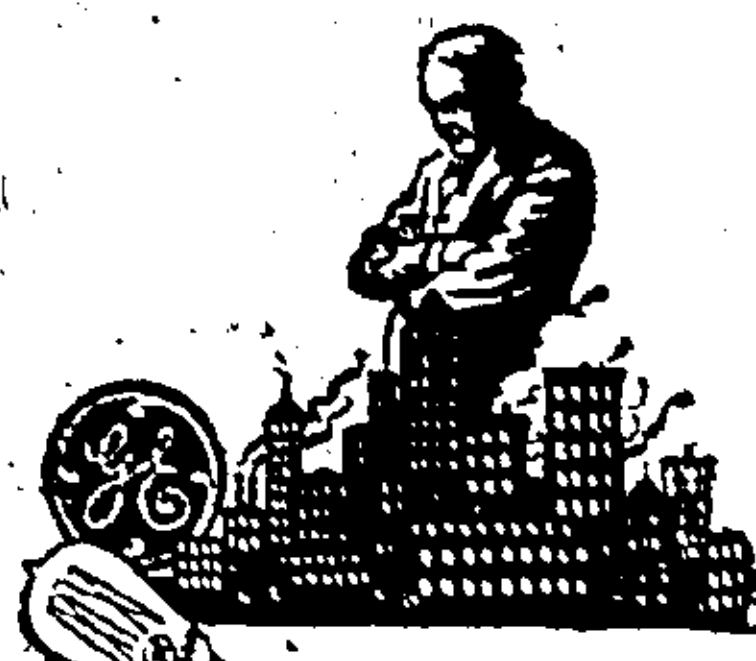
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TO-DAY'S CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

CHINA STILL MARKING TIME.

Peking, March 10.
The Government has shown neither the inclination to direct negotiation with Japan in regard to the Shantung question nor the decision to have the matter put before the League of Nations, but has ordered the question to be again investigated, and asked the various provinces to send representatives to take part in the discussion so as to gain time, pending the final decision of the American Senate.
The conference in regard to the Fochow incident will be opened as soon as Japan is ready.

PREMIER RESUMES OFFICE.

Shanghai, March 10.
Kan Wan-pang, the Premier, has, on Tuan Chi-sui's persuasion, resumed office.

AMERICA AND SHANTUNG.

Shanghai, March 10.
Yung Kwai, the Charge d'Affaires of the Chinese Legation in Washington, has reported that on the recommendation of the Republican Party the Senate has had the words "China" and "Japan" in the Shantung reservation to the Treaty deleted.

EARLIER SPECIAL TELEGRAMS.

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

THE AERIAL DERBY.

Singapore, March 9.
Major Glidden, the Executive Secretary of the Commission organising the First Aerial Derby Around the World, is in Singapore, and is arranging to continue the tour through Siam, Burma and India. The rest of the Commission are at present in Java.

STRAITS DEFENCE FORCE BILL.

Singapore, March 9.
The Defence Force Bill, with the amendments reducing the conscriptive element, passed its second reading at the Legislative Council yesterday.

Y. W. C. A.

CHINESE WOMEN BUSY ORGANISING.

After three or four years of preparation on the part of a group of representative Chinese women in the Colony, the Chinese Young Women's Christian Association is this week being organised. The Y.W.C.A. movement is some sixteen years old in China and has city Associations organised in Shanghai, Peking, Tientsin, Canton, Fochow and Changsha as well as student associations—branches of the World Student Christian Movement—in some seventy-two mission and Government schools.
The Association has for the present taken rooms at 59, Caine Road, where the various meetings and classes which have been planned to begin during the week of March 22nd will be held and where two secretaries, one foreign and one Chinese, are already giving full time to the work. Although up to the present the programme arranged is entirely of a religious and educational character, it is expected that as the work develops the organisation may be expanded to meet various needs of Chinese women and girls which may arise. One rather pressing need at present is accommodation for transient Chinese women travelling alone, of whom there is an ever-growing number and to whom the hotels are the only places open. It is hoped that when the Association outgrows its present quarters, as it no doubt will in the near future, some arrangement may be made for this.
Yesterday afternoon, a meeting for organisation was held at which the Board was formally elected and the members received; on Friday a large general meeting is to be held to which representative Chinese and foreigners have been invited; on Saturday a meeting for students from the various girls' schools and on Sunday afternoon a Thanksgiving and Dedication service at which the Rev. Cheung Chuk Ling will give an address.
A Board of twelve Chinese women was elected with the following officers:—President, Mrs. Ma Ying Piu; Vice-President, Mrs. Wong Kwok Shuen; Secretary, Li Tai Koo; Treasurer, Mrs. Ma Wing Choon.

BANKRUPTCY COURT.

A "FISHY" CASE.

Before Mr. Justice Gompertz this morning, the Official Receiver (Mr. J. D. Lloyd) applied for an adjudicating order against Chan Yuk Shan, trading as Yung Han.
The Official Receiver, in making application, said a creditor's meeting had been held but passed no resolution, electing the Official Receiver to do as he thought fit. He wished to explain the circumstances to His Lordship. On the 14th day of the eighth moon a fire took place in the debtor firm's place of business and the whole of the firm's assets went up in smoke with the exception of a small amount of tea. Very heavy insurance had been effected and \$14,000 was collected from various insurance companies. The petition as drawn up showed two partners, Chan Yuk Sim and Wong Yeung Po. At the preliminary enquiry held by the Police, they stated there were eleven partners. On looking through the books he (the Official Receiver) had discovered that since the fire took place at least two of the partners had received their capital back.
His Lordship:—You found there were more partners?
The Official Receiver:—Yes, I have discovered that two other partners besides the two mentioned were paid out shortly after the fire. They were not big partners.
The various claims date before the fire?—Yes, I have also discovered that the petitioning creditor is a brother-in-law of Chan Yuk San and his business premises are just opposite the debtor firm. Therefore, I think it must be taken that he knew the details of the composition of the firm. Since the fire took place, \$14,000 insurance has been received and they have also collected about \$5,000 book debts. Two Summary Court actions were brought against the firm and in consequence this petition was brought by a creditor. I have been able to collect so far \$1,000 in book debts and perhaps I may be able to collect \$100 more. A sum of \$18,000 has been deposited somewhere or other. As far as I see it has been paid away to various people who were partners, or were alleged to be creditors.

THE L. M. S.

APPEAL FOR FINANCIAL AID.

We have received the following for publication:—

Sir,—As is well known, the high rate of exchange is placing all Mission Boards in a very serious position. May I therefore, through the courtesy of your columns, make a special appeal for the funds of the London Missionary Society, for which collections are to be taken next Sunday at the Union Church?

Hongkong owes more to the London Mission than perhaps to-day is generally realised. It was here on the ground almost from the outset of the Colony's history, and maintained Christian ordinances for Europeans, as well as the evangelistic, medical and educational work which still continues.

Its basis is as broad as possible, no denominational restriction being laid either on its agents or its converts. Christians of all Protestant Churches, including those established by law, united in its formation more than 130 years ago, but since then most of the denominations have organised mission work of their own which naturally absorbs their interest.

To every such effort in its place all of us wish God-speed, but the catholic claim of the London Mission ought not to be overlooked, particularly in China where it was the earliest of Protestant Missions and held the almost impossible ground for long single-handed.

Every Mission at work in China is indebted to its pioneers for the first Chinese grammar, dictionary and translation of the Bible. These have been the foundation of all subsequent work; in developments from it the Mission has always taken on honourable share, and literature at large is under infinite obligation to a distinguished agent of the Society in Hongkong for what is still the standard English edition of the Chinese Classics.

The Home Churches which support the Society are making noble efforts to meet the parlous situation created by the doubling or trebling of the sterling value of the dollar, but the trouble is and must still be severe. I cannot but think that if the facts were realised this Colony would do more for its oldest and broadest Mission than is possible by the somewhat casual method of a Sunday's collections in a single congregation.

I do not overlook the support given locally to the Alice Memorial group of hospitals. That, however, is all locally expended and amply returned to the locality in ministrations to the poor, the training of nurses and other ways. The general funds of the mission do not benefit from this source, and as there seems no one else to appeal on their behalf at this time of strain I venture to do so on my own initiative, and shall be glad to acknowledge any contributions, large or small, which may be sent to my care.

Yours etc.

J. KIRK MACONACHIE.
Union Church, March 11th, 1920.

His Lordship:—It looks as if an offence had been committed under the Bankruptcy Ordinance. The Official Receiver:—Yes, it does.

Will you be in a position to persuade any of the creditors to put in a petition against the firm?—I have done my best in that respect and nothing has come of it.

If I dismiss this petition now, it would be inadvisable because you have some assets?—It would be against the interest of a large number of creditors who have proved.

His Lordship:—I am not going to make adjudication, and it would be inadvisable to dismiss the case. I will let it stand over, sine die.

EUROPEAN LADY'S DEATH.

It is with very sincere regret that we have to record the death of Mrs. George Grott, which took place this morning at her home in Stanley Terrace, Taikoo, from an internal complaint. The deceased lady had only been ill for a short while, and widespread sympathy will be felt for Mr. Grott, who is left with one young child of the marriage.

As Miss Hardwick, daughter of Mr. W. Hardwick, of the Taikoo Sugar Refinery, the deceased was very well known in the Colony and was only married a little over two years ago. Mr. Grott is in the Drawing Office, Taikoo Dockyard.

The circumstances surrounding her death are particularly sad, and a wide circle of friends will hear of the news with deep regret.

MARIE TEMPEST.

NEXT WEEK'S VISIT.

A theatrical event of historic importance will be the visit Miss Marie Tempest is making to Hongkong under the aegis of the Middle East Films, Ltd. She will open her season at the Theatre Royal on Thursday, 18th March, in "Penelope", a delightful three-act comedy written by Mr. W. Somerset Maugham. Miss Tempest will be accompanied by a worthy associate in the person of Mr. Graham Browne and a carefully selected company fresh from a triumphal tour of Australia, South Africa and India.

In looking at the distinguished work of Marie Tempest, one is observing the very highest of its kind in the world. Her mime is as delicate as the mime of Genet. When she is amused she is deliciously fresh. When she is brusque it is with the brusqueness of a butterfly that suddenly flits out of the danger zone. Her speaking voice commands the whole gamut of comedy's varying tones—so effortlessly used as to be noticeable only in its effect upon its listeners. When now and then she lightly touches a serious chord it seems almost as if she could have been a great actress in tragedy. Every student of the stage should hang upon her every movement, word, gesture and expression. She has learnt and evolved each difficult art so perfectly that to her they have become prosaic.

Miss Tempest's history is a procession of successes. In her early day she took bronze, silver and gold medals at the Royal Academy of Music, London. In her early twenties she succeeded Miss Marion Hood in the name part in "Dorothy" and played it for 931 consecutive performances—the longest run on record—for a comic opera. Her name has been associated with a number of well-known popular productions such as "The Geisha," "Greek Slave," "San Toy." It was after playing in this at the Lyric Theatre that Miss Tempest decided to adhere to comedy, and since that time she has appeared in nothing else. One of her notable appearances was as "Pert" in an all-star revival of "London Assurance" given in aid of King George's Actors Pension Fund, which took place at St. James in June, 1913. She is as well-known in America as in England and India, and China's opportunity has been the result of a wish to see the world of overseas Dominions.

"Penelope" will be followed by "The Marriage of Kitty" which will be staged on Friday and Saturday nights, and on Saturday at 5.15 p.m. a matinee will be given when "Penelope" will be repeated—for the last time in Hongkong. An early application for seats is desirable, for the season is limited. The repertoire of plays will be found in our advertisement columns and the plans will be opened at Moutrie's on Friday morning, 12th inst.

DEPORTED FROM AUSTRALIA.

BRITISH-BORN MAN'S PLIGHT.

IN HONGKONG PENDING REMOVAL TO VLADIVOSTOK.

Yesterday there called at the Telegraph office a Mr. Charles Alexander, who, on deportation from Australia, was brought here aboard the Tongo Maru and has been given accommodation by the local Police at the Tokyo Hotel pending decision as to whether he be sent on to Vladivostok, as intended by the Australian authorities. Mr. Alexander, who claims to have been born of British parents at Mitau in Courland, was, he says, placed under detention as an alien in Australia, was refused legal advice and was shipped for what at the time of his deportation was to him an unknown destination, with merely two suits of clothes and a small sum of money. He was put aboard the Tongo Maru amongst the steerage passengers and on his arrival here he contracted influenza which necessitated his removal to hospital where he remained until Monday last. A well spoken man, of good appearance, he expressed himself to us in terms of indignation regarding his treatment at the hands of the Commonwealth authorities, and pleaded that if he were to be sent to Russia it should be to European, and not Asiatic, Russia, as he was born in Courland, formerly a part of Russia, but now forming the new Lettish State. He bitterly complains at the prospect of being sent almost penniless to Vladivostok, with the scantiest of clothing, and says he is sure the Russian authorities there will have nothing to do with him.

"My parents," said Mr. Alexander, "died whilst I was very young, and I left Russia soon after when I was 15 years of age. That was in the year 1902, and from then until 1908 I was in the British merchant service. I then went to Australia and remained there until my deportation, following various occupations, latterly that of a restaurant-keeper."

Asked what he did during the war, Mr. Alexander said:—"When the war started I tried to enlist but was rejected by the medical authorities. In 1916 I again endeavoured to get into the Army, but again I was turned down by the medical authorities and issued a 'reject' badge which I still have in my possession. On several occasions during the war I tried to get a passport to Russia, where I wanted to go, but this was always refused as I was of military age, besides which there has lately been no authorised Russian representative in Australia."

Questioned as to the circumstances of his deportation, Mr. Alexander said that whilst in Sydney he was several times asked if he were a naturalised British subject, and he always replied that he did not think it necessary to take out naturalisation papers, seeing that he was a born of British parents. "On December 18 last, whilst I was on a visit to Brisbane, I was seen by a Customs official and questioned as to the place of my birth. When I told him that I was born in Mitau (Courland) and was not naturalised, I was politely told that I would have to pass a language test, the language to be any European language that they chose to select. To my surprise and amazement, they made a mistake in Italian and that was the language of which I had no knowledge whatever. I was promptly told that I would be deported to Russia by the first available boat. So I was given into custody and taken to the Brisbane Central Police Station without further ado. There I lived for three weeks and five days on semi-starvation diet, locked in a cell day and night."

"Were you not permitted to see anyone during that time?" we enquired.

"Nobody at all. The day after I was arrested I asked to be allowed to see a solicitor, but was

sharply told that I could not see anyone, neither was I permitted to communicate with anybody at all."

Continuing, Mr. Alexander said:—"At last, after many complaints to the Chief Inspector, I was removed to the Brisbane Gaol in a very low condition. On my arrival there, I asked the Superintendent if I might be allowed to see a solicitor and also if I might write some letters. The requests were granted and Mr. A. Down, solicitor, of Celtic Chambers, Brisbane, came to see me. To him I stated my case and also gave him certain business instructions. When he learned that I had been refused legal advice whilst detained at the Police Station, he could hardly credit it. In my instructions to Mr. Down, I asked him to get the Commonwealth Government to allow me a specified time so that I could fix up my business matters and also to allow me to take such property as I wished with me. I offered to pay my fare, provided I got a passport. On January 26th, I received a letter from Sydney which told me that some money had been wired to me but that it had been returned again to Sydney; why, I haven't the faintest idea."

"How long were you kept in Brisbane Gaol?"

"Well, on February 2nd, I was again removed back to the Central Police Station and was told that I should be put aboard a vessel in the morning. My solicitor managed to hear this and he came down to see me, but he was not allowed to come near me. However, I did manage to see him once (evidently through a mistake) and the Customs officials took care to see that I didn't see him again. The next morning, I was put aboard the Tongo Maru, some five minutes before she sailed. On getting aboard, I enquired where my cabin was, but the steward was quite surprised to see that I was a European, as he said the Customs people had booked me for Asiatic accommodation. There were some 150 Japanese men and women in this department and it was amongst these that I had to remain. I had a mat to sleep on, and no blankets, soap or towels were provided. You can imagine my plight. I was made the laughing-stock of all the European passengers on board when they saw me sitting amongst the Japanese attempting to eat their diet which consisted of rice, pickled seaweed, etc., with the aid of a chopstick. However, one of the European passengers who spoke Japanese fluently intervened on my behalf by pointing out to the Chief Steward that I could not possibly exist on such diet. As a result, I was allowed to have my meals with the intermediate, or third-class passengers, for which I was very thankful."

"It was then," said Mr. Alexander, "that I learned for the first time that I was being sent to Hongkong, and I arrived here in due course. After we left Manila, the weather became very cold and as I had no warm underclothing with me, I took a bad chill and was feeling very ill when I arrived here on February 20th. The Police here put me into the Tokyo Hotel and the next day I collapsed and was forced to stay in bed. On the Sunday I became worse and the hotel people rang up the Police and told them that I was sick and could not possibly remain at the hotel. I was then taken to hospital, where I remained until Monday last."

"What is to happen to you now?" we enquired.

"I don't know," replied Mr. Alexander, "except that I am supposed to be sent on to Vladivostok. But you will readily understand the plight I am in. All the clothing I possess is the suit that I am wearing, another tropical suit, the underclothing I have on and a raincoat. So you will see that I could not possibly go to Vladivostok in such a condition. It is cold in Vladivostok right up to May, and if I have to go there as I now am, I might as well commit suicide, as I should be frozen to death there. The only money I have with me consists of about three Australian pounds."

"What I want to know is why I wasn't sent to European

TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE.

The closing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was 5s. 2 1/4d.

THE WEATHER.

Forecast:—Cloudy. Barometer 29.84. Temperature 2 p.m.:—78. Humidity 2 p.m.:—79.

NEW COMMODORE.

COMMODORE BOWDEN-SMITH APPOINTED TO HONGKONG.

We are officially advised that Commodore V. G. Gunner has been informed by the Admiralty that the period of appointment of Commodore Hongkong, has been shortened from three to two years. Commodore Gunner will, therefore, be relieved in May next.

The new Commodore appointed is Commodore William Bowden-Smith, C.B.E.

Commodore Bowden-Smith saw considerable service during the war. From outbreak of hostilities till May, 1916, he commanded the battleship H.M.S. "Russell" and served as Flag Captain to the then Rear-Admirals Stuart Nicholson, M.V.O. and Sydney Freemantle, M.V.O. In May, 1916, he served as Flag Captain to Admiral Sir Geo. A. Callaghan, G.C.B., G.C.V.O., Commander-in-Chief at the Nore. In August, 1916, he assumed command of the cruiser "Carnarvon" and in May, 1918, he commanded the light cruiser "Satellite."

Commodore Bowden-Smith, in recognition of his services, was awarded the C.B.E. in May 1919.

THE DOLLAR.

DROP OF TWOPENCE.

Exchange is down to-day, the rate of the pound sterling dropping in the morning a penny and to an equal extent after the tiffin recess. The market is weak. Silver was quoted this morning 25.8d. lower. Business was done locally in the morning at 14 1/2, under the rate. There were buyers in the morning, but no sellers.

In the afternoon, the weakness of the rates caused a further slump of a penny.

Shanghai is down 3d. The cross-rate between New York and London was 3.60 yesterday, but has gone up since to 3.67.

There is a corresponding drop in other departments. India was quoted at 206 1/2 this morning, but in the afternoon the Banks were offering only 202. The rate on the Straits Settlements, which stood in the morning at 236 1/2, closed to-day at 223. The rate on New York also dropped a point, opening at 96 1/2 and finishing at 95 1/2.

DAY BY DAY.

The passengers who left this morning by the Empress of Russia included Messrs. Charles Buyers, H. F. Campbell, H. M. McTavish, Mrs. Paula Davis, Lieut. Col. G. B. Crisp, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Humphreys, Rev. F. G. B. Hastings, Dr. and Mrs. C. W. McKeury, Mr. and Mrs. R. Negre, Mr. F. A. Redmond and Mrs. W. B. Walker.

Russia, where I was born. That would be infinitely preferable to Asiatic Russia. As a matter of fact, the place where I was born is not Russia any longer, as it is an Independent State with its own Government. Indeed, I don't think the present Government at Vladivostok will have anything to do with me, because the Russians have been fighting the Letts. I have not received justice in Australia, from which place I was illegally deported without any chance of putting up a defence. My only hope now is that I shall get in Hongkong was I was denied in Australia—a fair play and a straight deal."

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MR. CHURCHILL ON LABOUR PROSPECTS.

Mr. Churchill, in the course of a speech in Sunderland, said he had come to present two different pictures of the general situation. The bright picture was concerned with our home affairs, and the dark picture must deal with the melancholy situation in which such enormous portions of Europe and Asia were plunged at the present time; it was one of almost unrelieved anxiety.

A fortnight ago the Prime Minister said in the House of Commons that this great country was getting into her stride again. That statement was both timely and true. The enormous strength of Britain was once again being displayed. Our industries had been turned over from a war to a peace basis. Our export trade was growing month by month both in value and in volume. The prospects of every trade were exceedingly promising, and must have been further improved by the good news that the moulders' strike was in a fair way of settlement. (Cheers.)

Our expenditure was diminishing and diminishing rapidly. The expenditure of the Army and Air Force next year would be less by nearly four hundred millions than these departments had cost in the present year. (Cheers.)

Meanwhile revenue showed a steady expansion opening out month by month.

But one condition was indispensable to our continued recovery, and that was we must all pull together during the difficult period of reconstruction.

IF LABOUR RULED.

Mr. Asquith wants to see the Conservatives and Liberals, who have come together during the war and who are now working together to solve not party difficulties but national difficulties, he wants to see them divide into two opposite camps. Is such a state of things desirable? Any one can see what it would lead to.

The break-up of the forces which sustain the present National Government could only result in pushing the Labour Party into power at a period in their development when they are quite unfitted for the responsibility of Government—(cheers)—and when, through their incompetence, they would come hopelessly to grief at our expense.

But even if it were desirable, is it possible? I say it is utterly impossible at the present time. There would be neither reality nor sincerity in such procedure. "The great war has closed a political epoch."

What would Gladstone have said if he had seen, as I have seen during the last four months, Unionist statesmen toiling at the provisions of a Home Rule Bill which, if it were as loyally accepted as it has been loyally conceived, would in a few short years give the Irish nation and the Irish people all that Mr. Gladstone would ever have conceded them? The old lines of cleavage have been obliterated by the war, and new lines of cleavage have come into existence. Old causes of controversy are no longer operative.

Why should it not be possible now, at this moment when our difficulties are so great, when they call for our united exertions, why should it not be possible to combine the patriotism and stability of the Conservative Party with broad humanities and tolerances of Liberalism? At any rate, that is the hope, which ought not to be rejected without an earnest effort.

LABOUR LEADER'S RETORT.
Mr. Clynes, the labour leader, who was Food Controller under the Coalition during war, said to a *Daily Mail* reporter—

"I should regard Mr. Churchill's reference to the Labour Party as unfitted to govern as offensive if it were not so funny. His own name has long been associated with magnificent failures."

"The Government has failed to deal with home problems as housing, coal supplies, and prices, the organisation of employment, profiteering, and a dozen other domestic problems which the war has made for us."

"Mr. Churchill is twelve months too late in asking that we should not push Germany too far. Labour made that appeal twelve months ago, and it was brushed aside by men like Mr. Churchill, who, having failed to look ahead, relied upon the application of force alone to check Bolshevism, either in Russia or other countries. It is because of the incompetence of

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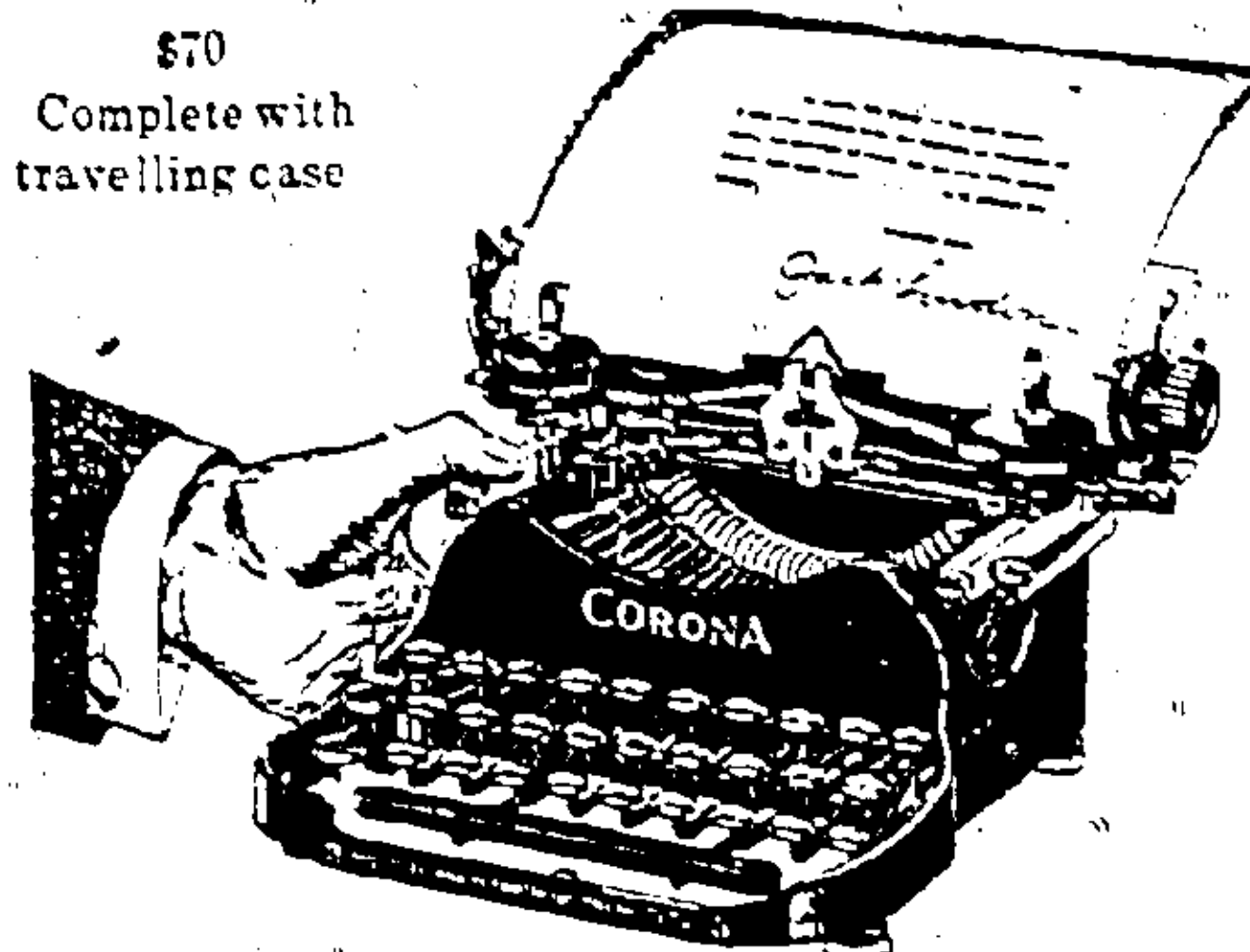
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AMERICA POLO CUP.

HURLINGHAM'S DEFENCE PLANS.

It was in June, 1914, exactly seven weeks before the war began, that we regained possession of the Americas Polo Cup, after the American had held it five years, and had successfully met two challenges for it. According to the conditions drawn up when the Westchester Polo Club, who presented the Cup in 1886, formally handed it over in 1911 to the American Polo Association as a perpetual International trophy for competition between teams respectively selected by that body and the Hurlingham Club, the Cup may be played for annually, but challenges must be received not later than December 31 of the preceding year.

A suggestion by the Hurlingham Club that a contest in 1920 would be inopportune, in view of the fact that neither country would be strong enough in ponies or men to ensure a really representative sporting contest was agreed to by the Polo Association of America. But it is practically certain that a challenge for next year will be forthcoming, when the Hurlingham Club, where there has not been an America Cup contest since 1909, will again be the venue for the best of three matches.

In 1914 Lord Wimborne financed the successful polo expedition to the States. The England team, duly accredited by Hurlingham, that he took over to America on that occasion was captained by Major F. W. Barrett, who has recently retired from the 15th Hussars and become polo manager of Hurlingham. Three other cavalry officers were included in our 1914 team, namely, Major V. N. Lockett (17th Lancers), Capt. H. A. Tomkinson, of the Royals, and Capt. Leslie Cheape (1st King's Dragoon Guards). The last-named brilliant forward was killed in the war, but the other three members of the side are still available.

Preparations have already been started by Hurlingham to meet the expected challenge. With this object an elaborate scheme has been drawn up by the Hurlingham Polo Committee, under the chairmanship of Field Marshal the Earl Haig. With the approval of the Hurlingham Club Committee, it has been decided (a) to create a body to which may be entrusted the duty of organising our resources so that the polo team which will represent England in the next contest may be composed of our best players and ponies and be thoroughly well-trained; and (b) to make detailed arrangements for playing the matches in London. As these two duties are quite different in character they will be entrusted to two separate committees. Each committee has definite responsibilities, and will report progress periodically to the Hurlingham Club Committee, which has the entire responsibility for making adequate arrangements for the defence of the cup.

FAST FLYING.

The result of the flight for the Deutsch Cup is given in Paris messages. Sadi Lecointe, a French competitor, covered the course round Paris in 42 min. 53.45 secs., at an average speed of 166 miles an hour.

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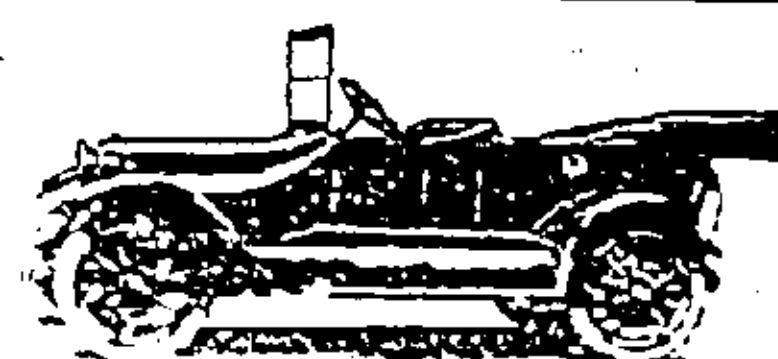
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Two pictures—one bright, the other gloomy—were presented by Mr. Churchill to a great mass meeting held in the Victoria Hall, Sunderland, recently. The Marquis of Londonderry presided, and pleaded for national unity in the work of reconstruction.

The Secretary of State for War said his bright and satisfactory picture concerned home affairs, full of difficulty, but full of hope; the dark picture—a picture of almost unrelieved anxiety—related to the melancholy and tragic situation in which enormous portions of Europe and Asia are plunged.

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There is no reason whatever why the serious financial problem before us should not be properly solved if they are studied with coolness and faced with courage. In fact we are on the high road to recovery from the injuries of the war, and about to consolidate, for the lasting benefit of the British nation, the great position won by the prowess of our soldiers in the field. (Cheers.)

THIN-BLOODED DEFEATISTS.

But we must all pull together during the difficult period of reconstruction. National unity does not mean national unanimity. They could not expect to conciliate everybody. It was no use whittling away our own strong position in the hope of satisfying, for instance, those thin-blooded defeatists who, at every period in the war, whenever they saw the slightest chance, obstructed the measures necessary for victory. (Cheers.)

He had absolute trust in the doctrine of the people. We had to guard against minority rule—the rule of men who, in their insane vanity and conceit, believed they were entitled to give to a people a government which the people loathed and detested, and in regard to which they were never consulted.

The attempt to carry into practice those wild theories could only be attended with universal confusion, corruption, disorder and civil war.

PARTY STRIFE.

Mr. Asquith was longingly hankering for a return to what

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he called our well-remembered party system. He (Mr. Churchill) did not think the moment was well chosen for a return to that system. Mr. Asquith wanted to see Liberals and Conservatives, who had pulled together during the war and were now working together to solve national difficulties, divided up into two opposite camps, belabouring each other in the good old pre-war style.

Was such a state of things desirable? The break-up of the forces that sustained the present national Government would only result in putting the Labour party into power at a period in their development when they are quite unfit for the responsibility of Government. (Cheers.) Through their incompetence they would come hopelessly to grief at our expense.

But if it were desirable, was it possible? He thought it was utterly impossible at the present time. There would be neither reality nor sincerity in such a procedure.

GREATER ISSUES.

The great war has closed a political epoch. It has closed it in a manner not dishonourable to either of the two historic parties whose controversies have so long dominated our public life. There is scarcely any great or worthy object of either the Conservative or Liberal party in the last 20 years that has not been achieved or is not now conceded.

The old lines of cleavage have been obliterated by the war, and new lines of cleavage have come into existence. Why should it not be possible now—at this moment, when our difficulties are so great, when they call for our united exertions—to combine the patriotism and stability of the Conservative party with the broad humanities and tolerances of Liberalism?

EUROPE'S PLIGHT.

Turning to the dark picture, Mr. Churchill said the "populations of four great Empires, aggregating three or four hundred million human beings, were in a desperate condition. No one could tell what would emerge from the immense, horrible catastrophe of Russia, except that it would probably be something very menacing to civilisation and very dangerous to the peace of Europe and Asia. We might abandon Russia, but Russia would not abandon us.

After dealing with menace and danger of a combination between Bolshevism and Turkish militarism, Mr. Churchill said it was with such facts in our mind that we must look to the situation in Germany. The present German Government during the last year had made a fairly honest effort to comply with the Allies' demands, to bow to the consequences of defeat, and to make reparation.

Let our influence in Europe be used to mitigate and not aggravate the misery and ruin that prevails, and, while helping forward the establishment of a genuine League of Nations, let us not strip our country of reasonable measures of defence amid the perils of this tumultuous world. (Cheers.)

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AMERICAN ITEMS.

(From the Manila Papers).

Charleston, March 1.—The West Virginia Senate was tied in a vote on the question of ratifying the suffrage amendment.

Baltimore, February 24.—Mr. Herbert C. Hoover in a speech at Johns-Hopkins University declared his opposition to making ratification of the treaty a campaign issue, insisting that such action would obscure pressing domestic issues.

Washington, February 18.—Gen. Peyton C. March, Chief of Staff, United States army, testifying before the house committee investigating of medal awards said American troops were sent to Russia and Siberia by President Wilson against the advice of Gen. Taker H. Bliss, while he was a member of the Supreme War Council.

Chicago, February 21.—Warning that poisoned stuffed olives have been shipped by a Chicago wholesale house to dealers in 32 cities in eight states was issued by the State Superintendent of Food. The olives are known as a type of pimento olives. Three brands of California olives are mentioned, Batavia, Ferndell and Richelen.

Bryn Mawr, Penn., February 21.—Associate Professor of Chemistry J. O. Crenshaw, lately of the chemical section of the American expeditionary forces, suggests the use of surplus smoke making materials used by the Government in the war for making a smoke screen miles long for use in communicating with Mars.

Washington, February 21.—The first census announcement was made eight days earlier than in 1910. The population of Washington, D.C., is shown to be 437,414. Cincinnati's population is given as 401,158.

Washington, February 18.—The Government has taken a step toward prosecution of wilful slackers. The Adjutant General has been instructed to investigate and dispose of as many cases as possible without formal proceedings. One hundred and fifty one thousand are charged with wilful desertion, and one hundred and seventy four thousand with wilful desertion.

Atlantic City, February 21.—Governor Edwards announced his intention of going to the National Democratic Convention prepared to fight for an anti-prohibition plank in the platform. He designated William Jennings Bryan as "a man without a state." Gov. Edwards said he expected prohibition to be the liveliest issue at the Democratic National Convention which meets at San Francisco June 27.

Chicago, February 21.—Rebellion against prohibition has broken out in Iron County, Michigan, according to advices received here. The Federal prohibition director, Major Dalrymple, notified Washington that prohibition agents were upheld by county officials who seized wine and confiscated it. Major Dalrymple appealed to the United States Attorney General for the prosecution of two deputies, two policemen and three others.

Washington, February 18.—Representative Fess (Rep.) of Ohio introduced a resolution for a constitutional amendment, empowering the Supreme Court to determine the ability of the president of the United States to discharge his duties, whenever congress authorises it by concurrent resolution. Representative Rogers (Rep.) of Mass. introduced a bill containing virtually the same provisions. The Supreme Court also is to decide when the disability is removed. The authors of the bills said neither proposal was aimed at President Wilson.

Washington, February 29.—Sharp criticism of President Wilson's Adriatic policy occurred in the senate during the debate on the peace treaty. The irreconcilables and the mild reservationists said the disagreement demonstrated the complications which would follow the entrance of the United States into the league of nations, and accused the president of interfering with the affairs of other nations, without inquiring whether the American people approved of such a course.

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THE SHANTUNG PUZZLE.

The new Japanese Ambassador to the United States has caused a flutter in the political dovecotes by his references in New York, on the occasion of his first public appearance, to the Shantung question. There is a certain air of diplomacy about his observations, inasmuch as they leave it open for anyone to put what particular construction they care on what he had to say. He declared that Japan's course towards Shantung would be pursued "unswervingly," no matter what action China takes. That is one of those double-edged declarations, the true meaning of which depends entirely on the policy which Japan has decided upon. For example, Japan might "unswervingly" adhere to the idea of returning the territory to China; equally, she might just as "unswervingly" display a determination to put every possible obstacle in the way of such a solution. So Mr. Shidenara's pronouncement may mean either a veiled threat or a pious declaration of good intentions. He and the Japanese generally would not doubt like the speech to be read in this spirit, putting the onus of construction on anybody but themselves. Reading between the lines, we are inclined to regard it as a gentle hint to China that she had better make up her mind without further ado to consent to direct and early negotiation with Japan on the subject.

The *Times* comments on the subject are interesting, but we cannot say that they carry conviction with them. It is all very well to hammer away at the necessity of a prompt settlement. The expression of hopes like these do not lead us anywhere; they are the obvious things to say, anyhow. What is of greater importance is that the settlement should be a just one, and if such a settlement is likely to be jeopardised by immediate action, then it would be a thousand times more preferable that the subject were given considered deliberation. We do not want expediency to be the recurring and only factor in this Shantung business. Justice to all parties is the first and predominant essential. There will be common agreement, outside of China and Japan, that, as the *Times* says, there has been a deal of avoidable misunderstanding on both sides over this question, and a good point is made when it is asserted that China can gain nothing by adhering to a purely obstructive policy. But we cannot see anything in the least degree unreasonable in China's contention that Japan should state the basis on which the proposed negotiations will be conducted. The *Times* says "there is something, though not very much" in this idea. But surely that would be a step in the direction of a settlement. Why, also, is it too soon to place the responsibility of a final decision upon the League of Nations? Was it not to deal with questions of this very type that the League was established? Reference to the Council of the League might mean some delay, but what of that if China is willing that the question be disposed of in this manner? And after all, seeing that Shantung is a part of China, the Chinese desires must be taken into full account.

But the trouble is that we cannot even yet glean either China's or Japan's ideas on the matter. The latest reported decision of the Chinese Government is to leave the matter over for decision until the country is united. That looks like being tantamount to shelving it for ever. Then as to Japan, we are always hearing high-sounding declarations as to Japanese honesty and purity of motive, but we hear precious little about how those motives are to be displayed in actions. So far as we can see, the time has come when China must make up her mind on what her policy really is. If she wants the matter dealt with by the League of Nations, then she had better say so officially and have done with it. Equally, if she is willing to negotiate direct with Japan at once, let her declare this to the world. This continual uncertainty and beating about the bush lead us nowhere. It is high time to get down to business.

NOTES & COMMENTS.

THE TRIAD SOCIETY.

We have frequently been hearing of late, through the medium of Police Court news, of the activities of that notorious gang of Chinese cut-throats, the so-called Triad Society. It may not be generally known that a long time back, in the days of the Imperial regime, this Society assumed the character of a powerful organisation with headquarters and numerous branch clubs in all the important cities of China. After the overthrow of the monarchical regime, the Society gradually became disorganised and its name was then assumed by various offshoots which have little or no connection one with another. In Hongkong the existence of these Clubs is known to the Police, whose latest report in this direction was the arrest recently of over fifty of the villainous members. It said that recruits seeking entry into the Society's ranks are subjected to a series of rites, masonic-like and complicated in their nature. The assistance of one or more members can be enlisted by another for the purpose of working out a revenge against the person towards whom a grudge is borne. Incidentally, ways of making money, such as blackmailing, are not forgotten. (One chief characteristic of the Society is that the dagger is the offensive weapon in general use, a distinctive mark of which is the red cord wound round the handle.)

OFFICE ACCOMMODATION.

In view of the present shortage of business offices, the query is expressed why the old Supreme Court and Post Office buildings continue to drag out a dilapidated existence, when it is recognised that, with the expenditure of some money, the Government could obtain a handsome remuneration on the commodious business premises which it is proposed to erect on the site. If the Government can be house-owners in the scheme of building more houses, there is no reason why they should not be owners of business offices too. Rents of business premises have followed the present general trend towards profiteering, and the prosperity of the Colony's trade is thus at stake. There is some talk of these buildings being transferred to private hands for the purpose specified, but so far nothing has transpired. The Government would do well to give its immediate attention to this matter, as the problem of office accommodation is becoming more closely connected with the commercial expansion of the Colony.

OUR WATCHMEN.

Discussions relating to the value of the private watchman must have reached a serious pass to compel the Captain Superintendent of Police to institute the novel method of "a setting the policeman to catch the watchman." The other day we chronicled a case heard before Mr. N. L. Smith at the Police Court in which an Indian watchman employed by Messrs. Mohideen and Company was fined \$5 for calmly going off to sleep whilst on duty in the night, notwithstanding the fact that his employees' shop had been burgled only two nights previously. We wish we could have the same nonchalance when we went to bed not knowing if our office would next come the turn to be burgled. However, the action of the Captain Superintendent of Police is one that is much appreciated by the proprietors of the local European stores.

LOCAL BOXING.

BUX AGAIN CHALLENGED.

We have been asked to state that Eddie Walters, who some time ago fought Sky Kerrison, has good backing for a contest of fifteen or twenty rounds at 10 st. 7 lbs. with Iron Bux, and that if a reply is made through the medium of this paper it will lead to business. Walters has now been passed as fit by the ship's medical officer.

On enquiry this morning, we learn that nothing definite has yet been fixed up regarding the date of the next tournament. The Committee of the Boxing Association meets to-morrow night, and probably some decision will then be arrived at.

DAY BY DAY.

TO NINE-TENTHS OF THE HUMAN RACE THINKING IS PAINFUL AND INDOLENCE IS PLEASANT.—*Mr. H. A. L. Fisher.*

H.M.S. Hawkins has gone out to Mils Bay.

Yesterday's health return shows one fatal case of cerebro-spinal fever, the victim being a Chinese.

Bishop Otaiz, of Guam, and Father Hugolino, are among the passengers leaving by the Tenyo Maru to-day.

A Chinese who was banished in October, 1919, was sentenced to a year's hard labour at the Police Court to-day for returning to the Colony before his time was up.

In the Open Billiard Championship of the Colony, the game to-morrow night (Friday) will be between L. T. B. Golding, R. G. A., and A. G. Pile. This game should be a good one.

By order of the Supreme Court, the Chinese steamer, Wing Ping, lying at Shamsui, was sold by Messrs. Hughes and Hough yesterday. She has a length of 114 feet and her gross tonnage is 501.45. The Chin Chang firm were the purchasers at \$11,000.

Among the passengers leaving by the Tenyo Maru to-day were the following local residents:—Mr. W. Kay (Queen's College), Mr. C. G. Perdue (A.S.P.), and Mr. J. H. N. Mody (broker). Mr. Mody is going to San Francisco on an eight-months' holiday.

The American Consul General has received a telegram from Yunnanfu from Lieut. Colonel Drysdale, Military Attaché of the United States at Peking, indicating that Mr. Sheldon, the American missionary, who has been imprisoned by bandits for some time in Yunnan, has been released. No details of the negotiations carried on by Colonel Drysdale have as yet been received.

A coal-scuttler was the subject of a charge preferred against a Chinese at the Police Court before Mr. N. L. Smith to-day. He told a story of how his business instincts induced him to buy the metal from a marine hawk in anticipation of profit on reselling it. The Magistrate thought that thieving instincts rather than anything else explained the scuttler being in the man's possession, a conviction which was supported by the fact that the man was an ex-convict. A sentence of three months' hard labour was imposed.

Whilst a consignment of rice was being unloaded on to the Praya from a cargo boat at West Point an attempt was made by two coolies to surreptitiously transfer a bag of the grain over to a launch which was moored alongside. This little side episode did not escape the vigilant eye of the cargo superintendent, who called out and the thieves scrambled ashore to make their escape. One of them was arrested, and was charged before Mr. N. L. Smith at the Police Court to-day. Inspector Macdonald prosecuting. The man was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour.

MR. SEVERN DEPARTS.

The Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, C.M.G., left this morning by the Empress of Russia. A large number of people saw him off, including the members of the Legislative and Executive Councils, representatives of the mercantile and Chinese communities, the Consuls-General and Consuls, and a host of friends. Mr. Severn shook hands and bade good-bye to every one at Blake Pier, and when the decorated launch that conveyed him to the vessel began to move, it was apparent that he felt the parting very much. His emotions were a sufficient indication that he was touched by the expression of public appreciation of his services as Colonial Secretary and Officer Administering the Government.

EN PASSANT.

To err is human. The man who never made a mistake has yet to be born. So we all say in our reflective moments, but we seldom make the correlated allowances when looking at the acts of others. To ourselves we make the appealing excuse; but from others is demanded an unbroken sequence of accuracy. Otherwise we are loud in our criticisms. This is by way of introduction to the very little I have to say regarding the Bux-Kerrison fight and Mr. Logan's decision. What a lot of talk-ee-talk-ee we have had to be sure, and I am not very keen to add to the unharmonious chorus. Whether Mr. Logan was right or whether he was wrong matters little to me. He was the referee, and I take it that he is a man of sufficiently known integrity to give the decision he thought he ought to. I am going to assume, as we all must, that he was honest to his own judgment. The matter, so far as Mr. Logan is concerned, is finished. If Bux, or Kerrison, or the public, or the Boxing Association think that some other decision should have been given, they have the remedy open to them of putting matters to a further test. I want to deprecate all the talk we have had about prejudice; about colour; about unfairness. Mr. Logan was entrusted with the fight, and he discharged his duties as appeared to him most fit. The award of any adjudicator is a matter of personal opinion; all judgment is personal opinion, and I would as soon trust one honest man as another. I would rather trust one man than a mob. In legal procedure the remedy for dissatisfied litigants is an appeal, a re-trial. The remedy in sport is a re-play—in the case under review, a re-fight. Failing that, the parties, or their supporters, should not wax belittling acrimonious against the man who was chosen by the fighters, who had all to lose and nothing to gain. That ends my little say about the matter.

Scene: Queen's Road. Time: Afternoon. Actors: Four coolie women, a crowd of natives, an Indian constable. Movement: One lady enrages another by "bumping," thereby causing a spilling of the rubble. Excessive candour and volubility ensue. Attempted assault and battery; and ineffectual wrestling. Crowd laughs and wants to shout "encore." Huge fun. "Sahib" saunters into scene. Stops to look at the "weather," becomes interested in a passer-by, but gradually approaches principals. "Sahib" yawns; looks thoroughly bored. Principals informed of "Sahib's" proximity. Crowd begins to exeunt; principals shoulder burdens and swear themselves off stage. "Sahib" yawns again and adds a smile. Law and order maintained. Curtain. What a temptation to moralise!

I want to tell the people who went to the organ recital at the Cathedral on Monday (at least the majority of them) just what they are. But I mustn't. It wouldn't do. Still I am thinking a lot about them, all the same. If any reader of this column ever comes across a book written on the subject of "Congregational Lying" he or she can attribute the book to me whether I wrote it or not. If eloquence only required enthusiasm, I feel in a mood to outstrip Cicero.

We have all come across the man who loves to sign himself in a manner absolutely unreadable. I never quite knew why it was that people did such things. There's nothing clever in making a wild, disorderly dash across paper and then to call it a signature. Often it is the very antithesis of a signature—at least what a signature should be. A case has come to my notice this week. Someone had signed for Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co.; and the following appeared as another man's reading of it:—"D.A. Rainemarnesary." I hope this will get nobody into a row, but it ought to be a lesson.

These are days of high passage money I know, but when a local paper announces that several warders and policemen are "coming in the next mail" I protest that the Government is getting too cheese-paring. At least, I hope a registration fee was paid.

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OPIUM SEIZURE.

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Nearly 300 taels of opium, valued at \$3,394, were seized by the Wanchai Police at a visit which, following the receipt of information, they made at No. 1, Achung Lane. In the first floor they came upon the drug, which was concealed in several baskets. The Chinese man who produced the keys of these baskets was arrested and charged at the Police Court with possession of the drug. Mr. Turner, who had secured a remand of the case on behalf of the prisoner, stated, when the case was resumed to-day, that in pleading guilty he wanted to point out the fact that the man was only an agent in the employ of the principal in the case, who was at present in the country. The reason which induced him to get a remand of the case when it was first called up, was that he wanted to get the principal to come over to Hongkong to claim the opium, but in this he was not successful.

A fine of \$10,000, or, in default, 12 months' hard labour, was inflicted by the Magistrate, Mr. E. A. Irving.

This week and I suppose our thoughts will soon be turning to bathing suits and white clothes. A very curious demonstration of how heat and cold affects condensation has been noticeable this week, because the pavements under verandahs have been wetter than the streets or exposed footways. I suppose the explanation is that what little sunshine we have had has warmed the streets, whereas the pavements have been left cold. I am the proud possessor of shoes shod with "Phillips," but after sliding and slipping over the moistened stone slabs, I have determined to give that pair of shoes a rest.

These are days when we ought to think kindly of those who bring in our ships. The fogs outside have been unusually thick these past few days, and the task of skippers is made doubly arduous in consequence. Those mooted fog signals would have been a boon; but all that navigators have had is a recollection that signals have been talked about. And while the talking goes on, lives and property are endangered.

We have all been looking forward to the visit of the Marie Tempest Company, and in a week's time we shall be having the pleasure of hearing one of England's most celebrated artists. That is if we can afford it. I have noticed that the prices are going to be \$6, \$5, and \$3. Phew! that's going pretty strong. One can very fairly say that they are the highest prices Hongkong has had to face for many years, and I should not be surprised to hear that they constitute a record. Those people who are fond of translating local money into sterling will get a shock. But I hope the management has not made a mistake and gone to a point just too high. When people paid \$4 to hear the Russian Opera Company it "panned out" all right, but the present jump is a big one. \$6 won't "hurt" us, but it might temper enthusiasm.

How dangerous it is to act purely on impulse is borne out by the following incident which took place this week. One of our local "taipans," who has to deal with a fairly large native staff, entered the works early one afternoon to find the whole of the workmen gathered together around a bench. Visions of gambling, or of a strike plot, flashed before "Taipan" and, with an enthusiasm worthy of a Crusader, he bore down upon the assembly and with cuffs and shouts dispersed them. It was with joy that he pounced upon a piece of paper, scrawled with Chinese characters. This he took in vindictive triumph to his No. 1 and in fierce tones demanded a translation and explanation. The No. 1 was meek, because he knew "Taipan" was angry. But he quickly explained that the men were only drawing up an invitation for the "Taipan" to be honoured at a Chinese dinner prior to his going on Home leave and that they were arranging for a decorated launch with crackers to take him on board. Collapse of "Taipan!"

CONTEMPORE.

TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.

How many people have ever heard of stropanthus or physostigmine? Yet it was by the investigation of the properties and effects of these drugs that Sir Thomas Frazer, the famous Scottish physician just dead, earned much of his professional fame. Stropanthus was discovered and used as an arrow poison by some native tribes. It is now, like some other deadly poisons, a benevolent agent in heart affections. Physostigmine is the active principle of the Calabar bean, and was harnessed by Sir Thomas Frazer to useful purposes in the treatment of the human eye.

The statement that the Prince of Wales will take only two uniforms with him for his Australasian tour is a reminder that in this respect things are very much easier for Princes than of old. The break-up of the old European States relieves Princes from having to maintain a large and expensive wardrobe of uniforms—some of them very expensive indeed—and some of them hardly ever worn. The collapse of Germany, Austria and Russia removes three of the most uniformed of nations from the list, and it has not been customary to interchange uniforms with France.

Dizzy's unpublished novel will be read with eager interest by all who care to learn his view of his great rival, Gladstone, who is therein portrayed as Joseph Top-lady Falconet. In denying him any sense of humour the novelist does not exceed the privileges of license, for certainly his model was always in grim, serious earnest. In declaring, however, that he was never seen to smile Disraeli somewhat maliciously exaggerate, for Gladstone's smile was not infrequent, and was among his many personal charms. But it must be remembered that the novel was written when the two statesmen had long been settled and unrelenting foes and Dizzy was a good hater.

The name of Count Sforza, mentioned in Italy as a possible successor to the Embassy in London, recalls at once the famous ducal family of Milan, which has inspired so many historians and novelists, besides bringing to mind the curious way in which the father of Francesco Sforza, who founded the dynasty, decided to seek his fortunes in the wars of the period. It was at Cotignola that old Sforza threw his pickaxe into the branches of an oak, and swore to abide by the result. If the axe fell to the ground he would stay at home; if not he would join a body of adventurers. It remained, and he went forth to found, through his son, a dynasty the glory and the evil of which was to resound through the world.

Design, reinforced by accident, may sometimes lead to new triumphs of art, or may simply end in amusement. Everybody knows the statue of Achilles at Hyde Park Corner, but few would recognise the great warrior in his seasonable, but inartistic, mackintosh, with its added touch of the red handkerchief—an unrehearsed effect of scarlet padding wedged under the statue's armpit to soften the end of the crutch which the workmen have left as temporary supports. The effect is comically suggestive of a visit to the bargain sales. Another amusing piece of accidental art was the bootlace which, for several weeks recently, Bondica held in her left hand in lieu of reins, to check her wild steeds' mad plunge across Westminster Bridge.

A stained-glass window in the Merchant Taylors' Hall—part of which has been acquired by the Banco Commerciale Italiano and not as has been stated the Bank of Italy—commemorates the success of an old-time triumph of arbitration. The Merchant Taylors and the Skinners had a long and bitter quarrel as to precedence among the City companies, but in 1484 asked the Lord Mayor to decide the dispute. His sagacious ruling was that the rivals should have precedence in alternate years, whereupon the two companies became firm friends. In addition to erecting the window the two companies "dine" each other once a year, when the joint toast of "Skinners and Merchant Taylors" or "Merchant Taylors and Skinners" is given, with order of precedence to the company entertained.

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FOOTBALL.

SHIELD SEMI-FINAL.

The Hongkong Police v. Ambrose match, originally fixed for Saturday next, is postponed in consequence of Ambrose being in quarantine, and the Shield Committee have decided to play one of the semi-finals on Saturday next, viz. the Hongkong Club v. St. Joseph's. The form of both Clubs so far this season has been good enough to ensure a great game, and as Saturday's winners will be one of the finalists, both clubs are making every effort to field their strongest sides. It will be good news to the Club supporters to hear that in all probability Stewart, Reichelmann and Black will play on Saturday, and the Club side will be selected from (G. Rodger, Stalker, Tonkin, Black, Raiton (Capt.), Stewart, McPhail, Hamilton, Reichelmann, J. Rodger, Reiss and Neale. A good side should be available from the above. H. McTavish, the Club's Captain will be greatly missed, the latter player leaving the Colony this week for holiday in England. His place will be difficult to fill as the Hamilton-McTavish combination has been a big factor in the Club's success this year.

The St. Joseph's College team played a very hard and clever game on Saturday last against Kowloon, and will be a difficult side to remove from the competition. They have a good selection of players. Their forwards form the strongest part of the team and are not far from being the best front line in the competition. All are dangerous shots, and they play the short passing game in a very clever manner. They will select from Omar, Dixon, Urquhart, E. Hyndman, Orley, Marcal, Zephr, A. Xavier, Silva, Hyndman, and Rahmin. The game should be a good one and although the Club have the advantage of weight, St. Joseph's are probably a faster lot on the ball and I predict a very hard game with not a big margin. The only other match likely to take place will be the last remaining 2nd Division League match between Hongkong Club Reserves and St. Joseph's Reserves, and as the Senior Clubs are playing the same day the Hongkong Club Reserves should secure the points.

Matches for Saturday are as follows:—
Hongkong Club v. St. Joseph's College-Club ground, kick-off 4.30, Referee Mr. J. Coaker.
Hongkong Club Res. v. St. Joseph's College Res. Club ground, kick-off 2.30, referee Mr. A. Whistler.

QUIZ.

The following will represent the H.K.F.C. 2nd eleven versus the St. Joseph's College at 2.30 p.m. on the Club Ground on Saturday the 13th inst.—McKenzie, Gerrard and Jones, Ogilvie, Weyman and Mathews; Pilger, May, Zeverijn, Boysen and Meffer.

The following team will represent the Hongkong Football Club in their match versus the St. Joseph's College (semi-final Hongkong Challenge Shield) on Saturday the 13th inst. at 4.30 p.m.—G. Rodger, A. Black and M. Tonkin; M.L. Raiton (Vice Capt.), J. Stewart and J. W. McPhail; J.B. Hamilton, T. Neal, J. Stalker, J. Rodger, K. E. Riis.

CRICKET.

The following will represent H.K.C.C. v. University (League fixture) on the Club ground next Saturday at 2.15 p.m.—E. J. R. Mitchell (Capt.), C. Blaker, R. A. Brand, A. Burnie, E. W. Day, R. A. Green, P. Jacks, A. K. Mackenzie, W. W. Mackenzie, P. G. de Paravicini, H. S. Philp.

PIANO RECITAL.

SOME CLEVER PUPILS.

There was a large gathering of invited guests in the St. Andrew's Hall last evening, when Professor Danenberg's pupils gave their sixth annual pianoforte recital. A programme rich in merit and variety was presented, and the work of the participants was of a distinctly high order. This particularly applies to the senior pupils, amongst whom perhaps special mention should be made of Misses Elfrida Osmund, Elsa Alves and Marie Souza. These young girls played the most difficult pieces with truly amazing skill, their technique being beyond reproach. Miss Lillian Chenalloy also performed with much grace and cleverness in her duet with Professor Danenberg, whilst the Misses May Fincher and Edwina Rodgers gave a fine two-piano duet which was deeply enjoyed. The younger pupils also showed that they have been well grounded. The whole recital was an indication of the detailed care and patience displayed by Professor Danenberg in the training of his pupils, and we can recommend all lovers of good piano music to hear the repeat performance which is to be given at 5.30 p.m. on the 17th inst., when a fee of one dollar admission will be charged.

A word should be added of the appearance of Mrs. H. A. Jones, who made her debut in Hongkong by the singing of two songs—one in Italian and the other in English. Mrs. Jones has a very sweet fully-trained soprano voice which she uses most artistically. She is a distinct acquisition to the Colony's musical circles. Below we give yesterday's programme:—

PART I.
1.—Overture (Piano) (Duet), "Preludium" Weber.—Miss Elfrida Osmund and Prof. Danenberg.
2.—(a) To a Sleeping Fairy, (b) Elfin Harp, Forest Fantasia.—Carroll.—Miss Elfrida Osmund.
3.—Valse, "Sylphes" (Poldini).—Master George Bond.
4.—(a) Serenade Mexicana, (b) The Dancers, (Lemont).—Miss Alda Tokheim.
5.—(a) In Harbour, (b) Sea Birds, (c) Lifeboat in a storm, (d) Sea Idyll.—Carroll, (d) To wind Rose, (Macdowell).—Miss Kathleen Haron.
6.—(a) A word of love, (b) Minuet, (Schubert).—Miss Majorie Stewart.
7.—(a) To a water Lily, (b) In Autumn, (Woodland Sketches, Macdowell).—Miss Marie Lobato.

PART II.
8.—(a) Butterflies (Grieg), (b) Madrigal (Lack), (c) Bre'er Rabbit (Macdowell).—Miss Elsa Alves.
9.—Song (a) "Se Saran, Rose" (Arditti), (b) "Happy Song" (Theresa del Riego).—Mrs. H. A. Jones.
10.—Fantasy on "Home Sweet Home," (Thalberg).—Miss May Choy.
11.—Variations in E-flat minor for 2 Pianos. (Sinding).—Misses May Fincher and Edwina Rodgers.
12.—(a) In the Convent (Borodine), (b) Skylark (Bulakrey-Glinka).—Miss Elfrida Osmund.
13.—(a) Narcissus (Nevin), (b) "Lullaby" (Irish Lullaby) (Barron).—Miss Winifred Robinson.
14.—"Wedding Cake" Caprice Valse for 2 Pianos. (Saint-Saens).—Miss Lillian Chenalloy and Prof. Danenberg.
15.—II Rhapsody (Bendel's version) (Liszt).—Miss Marie Souza.

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BASKET BALL.

SOME HONGKONG RESULTS.

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American Athletic Club 50.
Queen's College White 7.

U. S. S. Helena 37, University B.S.
Scores were as follows:—

A. A. C. (50)

B. F. T. P.

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v. Queen's College White (7)

B. F. T. P.

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2 0 1 0

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3 1 6 3

Referee, K. D. Yang; Umpire, Ko Sik Wai; Timekeeper, Luk; Scorer, Mohler.

U. S. S. Helena (37)

B. F. T. P.

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4 0 3 1

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2 0 0 0

0 1 2 0

18 1 9 1

v. University B.

B. F. T. P.

1 0 0 0

2 2 1 0

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0 0 0 0

0 0 0 0

3 2 1 0

Referee, Ko Sik Wai; Umpire, J. L. McPherson; Timekeeper, Luk; Scorer, Lok I.

Explanation of scoring table:—
B.—the number of baskets or goals thrown from the field. F.—the goals thrown from free-throw as penalty for fouls. T.—Technical foul. P.—personal foul, holding or unnecessary roughness, etc.

THE BOND OF LANGUAGE.

ITS EFFECT UPON ANGLO-AMERICAN RELATIONS.

Lecturing at the Royal Institution recently on "The Anglo-American Bond of Literature," Mr. Alfred Noyes said that the bond which united all English-speaking nations was not one of descent, but of language. He believed that England and America were undergoing a great unifying process, just as the different districts of this country had done during the last three centuries, and it was, above all, the English language and literature that had helped to bind the two countries together. Many English poems written directly after the War of American Independence were full of a great love for America, hailing her as the true pioneer of freedom; and whereas the man in the street was often liable to regard America as the home of money-makers, the English poets had always recognised and paid tribute to her idealism.

English prose writers had, however, continually gone astray with regard to America, and at the present day the chief dangers of disruption between the two countries lay in the large amount of propaganda that was being circulated. A considerable portion of the Press in both England and America was deliberately imbuing the people with a sense of distrust towards each other, and this, if allowed to continue unchecked, would lead to certain disaster.

BATON CHARGE AT A FOOTBALL MATCH.

An exciting scene was witnessed recently at the termination of the Belfast Celtic and Distillery City Cup match, at Grosvenor Park, Belfast. Mr. Colton, of Dublin, the referee, was made the subject of a hostile demonstration, and when he retired to the pavilion the crowd gathered round the building and raised derisive cheers. So threatening became the attitude of the crowd that the police had to make a baton charge. The grounds were speedily cleared.

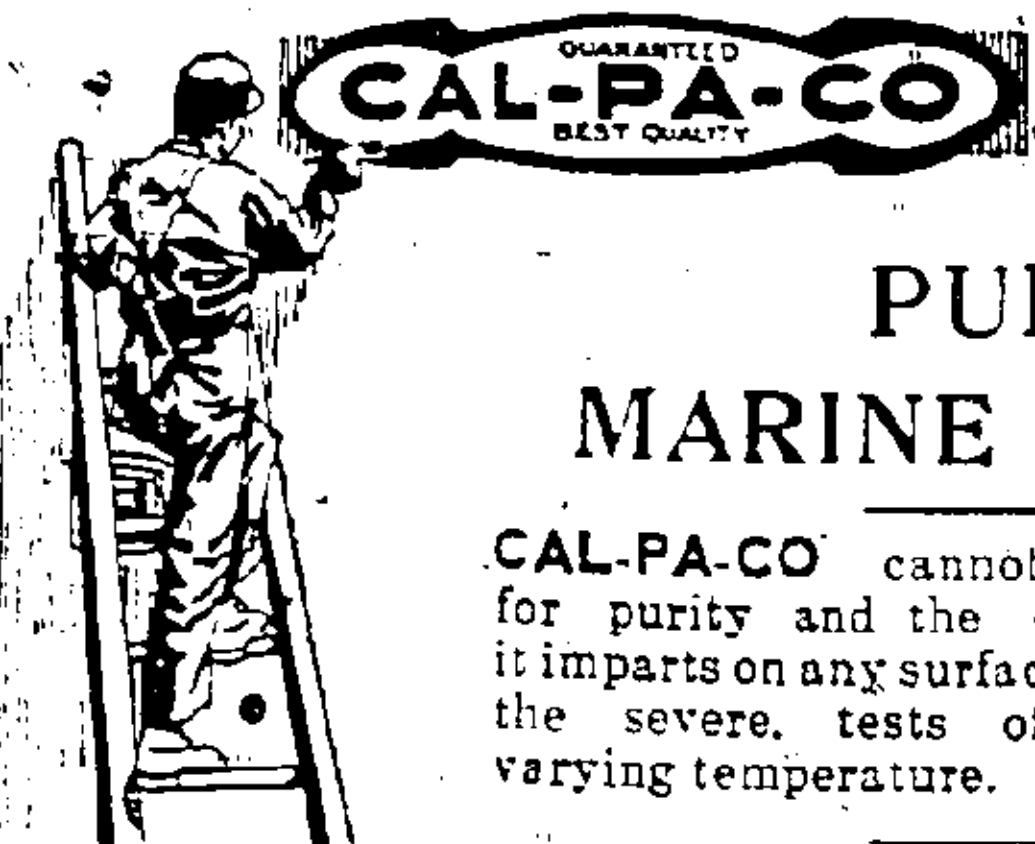
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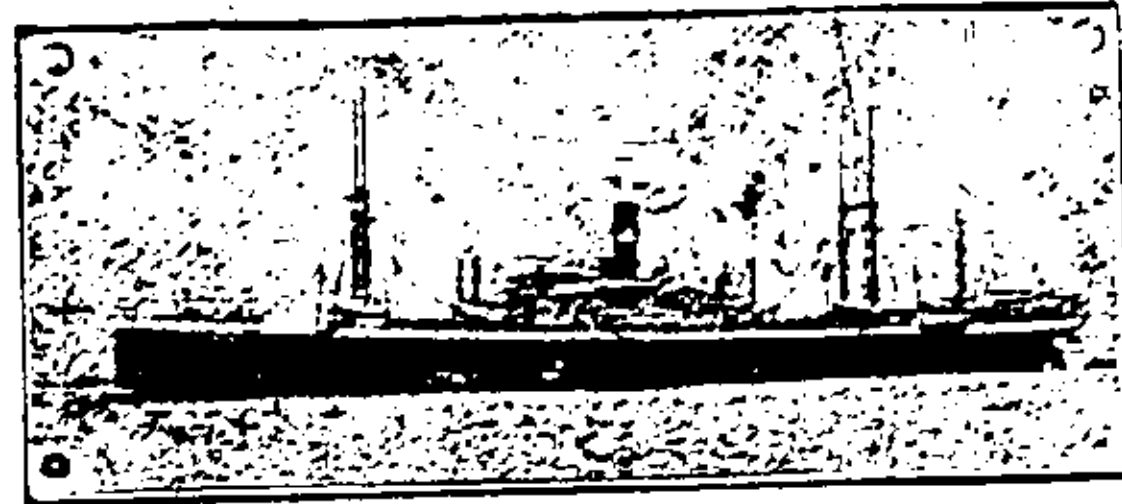
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E. of Russia	C. P. O. S.	Mar. 11
Madras M.	O. S. K.	Mar. 11
Abercos	A. L.	Mar. 12
Tottori M.	N. Y. K.	Mar. 13
Takada	P. & O.	Mar. 14
Swazi	B. L.	Mar. 15
West Mingo	A. L.	Mar. 15
Dunera	P. & O.	Mar. 16
Shimo M.	N. Y. K.	Mar. 17
Fushimi M.	N. Y. K.	Mar. 17
Elkton	A. L.	Mar. 17
Calcutta M.	N. Y. K.	Mar. 17
Shidzuoka M.	N. Y. K.	Mar. 18
Melville	D. R. D. Co.	Mar. 19
Archer	F. M. Co.	Mar. 20
China	C. M. Co.	Mar. 20
Tjima M.	N. Y. K.	Mar. 21
Endicott	A. L.	Mar. 22
West Harts	R. D. Co.	Mar. 22
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E. of Japan	C. P. O. S.	Mar. 23
Pawlett	A. L.	Mar. 29
Changsha	B. S. L.	Mar. 29
Charlton Hall	B. L.	Mar. 31
Tacoma M.	O. S. K.	Mar. 31
Tosa M.	N. Y. K.	Mar. 31
Genoa M.	N. Y. K.	Mar. 31
Tacoma M.	O. S. K.	Mar. 31
Shimo M.	T. K. K.	Apr. 1
Siberia M.	T. K. K.	Apr. 1
Eldridge	A. L.	Apr. 2
Kaga M.	N. Y. K.	Apr. 2
Khiva	P. & O.	Apr. 4
Arabia M.	O. S. K.	Apr. 6
Jason	B. L.	Apr. 10
Winjak	A. L.	Apr. 10
Katori M.	N. Y. K.	Apr. 13
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Persia	N. Y. K.	Apr.
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Kiyo	T. K. K.	July
Unnan	O. S. K.	July
Jason	B. L.	Apr.
Katori	N. Y. K.	Apr.
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 March, noon and is due at
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TIDE TABLE.

8th to 14th March, 1920.

Day of Week	Day of Month	High Water Mean Time	Height ft.	Low Water Mean Time	Height ft.
Mon.	8	11 28	5.8	5 37	2.3
Tues.	9	11 53	5.8	5 45	2.7
Wed.	10	12 03	4.7	6 9	3.0
Thurs.	11	1 34	4.3	7 38	2.6
Fri.	12	4 8	3.9	8 54	2.6
Sat.	13	1 54	5.7	10 25	1.7
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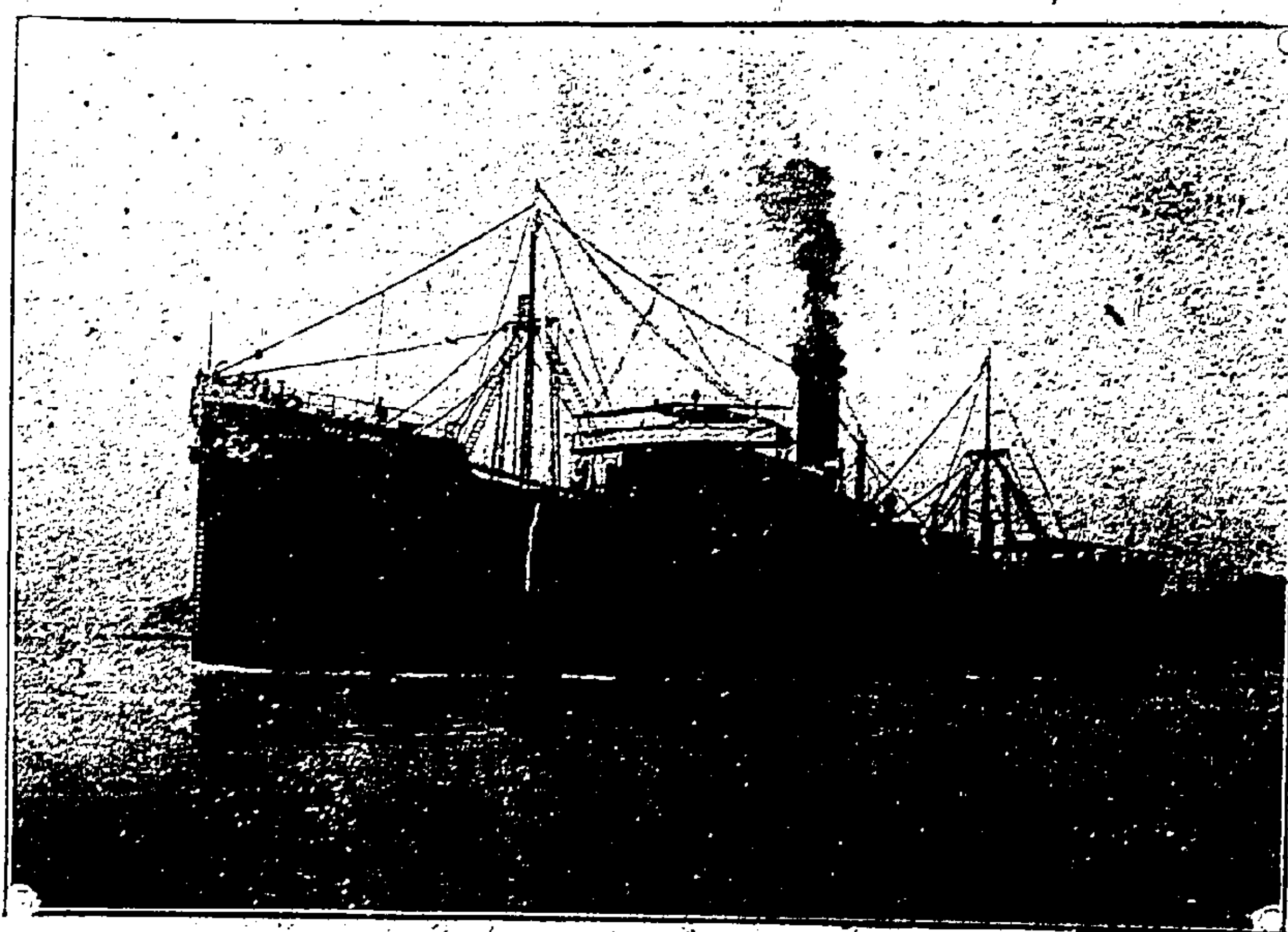
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Material aid to Manila government authorities in curbing reckless driving of motor vehicles is now assured through the formation of a "Traffic Safety League," to be composed of the auto owners of the islands in general and of Manila in particular. The organization meeting, planned by the Automotive Trade Association of the Philippines, was held at the offices of the Manila Merchants' Association, and before adjournment the names of between 40 and 50 prominent auto owners of the city were registered as members, obligated to do all in their power to cooperate with the police authorities in putting a stop to the reckless driving that cost so many lives here and in the provinces during the past month or two. The organization is assured of ample funds for its support to be supplied by the motor car dealers, and membership, it was decided, would include no fees of any sort.

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Diehl of the Automotive Association, in the absence of the president, Julius Reis, and Mr. Herier of the Pacific Commercial Company was chosen as secretary. With this temporary organization the meeting proceeded to discuss the formation of a citizens' committee to aid in the proposed campaign, it being the sense of those present that in addition to newspaper publicity and paid advertising the active cooperation of every car owner would be required to accomplish the desired results.

To this end letters will be sent by the secretary of the league to every owner of a car in the islands, enclosing an application blank for membership and requesting that a report be made giving the license number of "any car driven in a reckless, careless manner to the danger of other vehicles or pedestrians." It is proposed to have these reports sent in by members to the secretary of the league on forms to be furnished, and to have that official take up the matter with the chief of police or other proper authority, with a view to instituting proceedings, against those who, once warned, persist in driving their machines in such a manner as to endanger others on the road.

It has been suggested that this be supplemented by a campaign to induce the government to open an adequate school for the training of chauffeurs, and this matter has been referred to Director Paez of the bureau of public works, who was named as chairman of the legislative committee of the league. During the discussion of this point, however, it was emphasized by Mr. Paez and Mr. Diehl, both of whom are intimately acquainted with the situation, that a majority of the serious accidents reported are to be traced to the driving of experienced chauffeurs, perfectly able to handle their machines, but over-reckless. To deal with this class, it is urged that existing laws be amended so as to increase the present maximum penalty for reckless negligence and by amending the law so as to empower the authorities to revoke a driving license permanently, rather than for a two-year period only, as is at present the case.

Those represented at the meeting in person or through officials of the Automotive Association were: Yangco, Rosenstock and Company; The Estrella Auto Palace; The Auto Supply Company; Erlanger and Gallinger; the Pacific Commercial Company; Manila Trading and Supply Company; Standard Oil Company; Bachrach Motor Company; Asiatic Petroleum Company; Teal and Company; and the Philippine Auto Exchange. A considerable number of private individuals were also present and promised to support the new organization to the limit of their abilities.

Walter E. Olsen was made chairman of the Traffic Safety League, and Mr. Herier unanimously chosen its secretary. An executive committee to consist of Mr. Olsen; Mr. Herier; the officers of the Automotive Association, Julius Reis, Theobald Diehl and William Haube; and the chairman of the five sub-committees appointed, was voted into existence. The sub-committees, together with the names of their chairmen, who are authorized to appoint their own personnel, are as follows: Legislation, Jose Paez; publicity, C. R. Zeininger; membership, Mr. Liddell of the Pacific Commercial Company; operation, Hilton Carson; and finance, Joseph Maddox, who will also act as ex-officio treasurer of the league.

In opening the meeting, Mr. Diehl pointed out that the

UNREGISTERED DENTISTS.

PROSPECT OF RECOGNITION.

Mr. Victor Lawson occupied the chair at the annual meeting of the National Dental Association, held in the Connaught Rooms recently, and in his presidential address said the members of their organization were working for recognition and status, because they were all men who relied for their business on their good work, and because they were men who understood dentistry, and in the majority of cases had been apprenticed for five years and upwards to dentists in practice. They objected strongly to vulgar and blatant advertising and canvassing, and wished to suppress those evils.

He denied that much harm was done by unregistered dentists, indeed, having regard to the fact that there were about 30,000 unregistered dentists in the United Kingdom, malpractices among them were very few. Strong opposition was offered to the proposed legislation, which would accord recognition to dentists who were at present unregistered, but he did not think that the Bill to amend the Dentists Act, 1878, would be defeated, and he had the highest authority for stating that the members of their association and of the Incorporated Dental Society would be placed on a par with the new register of practitioners.

The report of the council stated that during the year the National Dental Association and the British Dental Union had amalgamated; and that a great deal of support for the aims of their organization had been secured in Parliament and elsewhere from members of all political parties.

ADVERTISING QUACKS CONDEMNED.

A resolution was passed protesting strongly against the inactivity of the Ministry of Health in not having introduced (11 months after the date of the Report of the Departmental Committee on Dentistry) legislation which would have the effect of automatically eliminating the advertising and canvassing dental quack, and representing to the Ministry that some measure should be at once introduced into the House of Commons dealing with dental matters in order adequately to protect the public from the gross evils referred to in the Departmental Committee's Report. The resolution also expressed approval of the action of the Council in promoting a Bill to carry out the recommendations of the Departmental Committee.

Mr. H. Langdon, joint hon. treasurer of the association, moved that the organization should become registered as a trade union. He urged that in this way the sympathy of the Labour Party could be secured. Objection was taken to the proposal, on the ground that the members of the association wished to be recognized as professional men. Mr. H. F. Bastow, general secretary and joint hon. treasurer, urged that registration as a trade union provided a cheap method of securing protection for the 1,100 members of the association and for its officials without having to add to the title the word "Limited." The motion was carried.

patience of the public will soon come to an end if something is not done to curb reckless driving of motor vehicles, and admitted that the interests of the auto dealers would be seriously prejudiced were the present state of affairs permitted to continue unchecked.

Mr. Bachrach put forward the proposal for a government school for the training of drivers, and this matter will be gone into in more detail by the legislative committee, of which Mr. Paez is the chairman, and which will also take up the matter of amending laws so that more severe penalties can be meted out to those who endanger the lives and property of others through their own recklessness in driving.

Mr. Paez explained that he was of the opinion that a majority of the serious accidents were caused by well-trained drivers, and made it clear that his experience has shown him that auto owners must cooperate by giving instructions to their chauffeurs to keep within reasonable speed bounds at all times.

The secretary and publicity committee will proceed at once with plans for protecting the organization and details of these will be published in all sections of the local press.

NOTICE.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING CO., LTD.

THE FORTY-SECOND ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS OF THE ABOVE COMPANY will be held at the Offices of the General Agents, Podders Street, on Wednesday the 24th instant at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December 1919. The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 10th to 24th March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO. General Agents. Hongkong, 5th March, 1920.

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO. LTD.

The Consumers of the Company will be notified individually if their fans are not suitable for the current supplied during next Summer and they are requested to take no notice of advertisements to the contrary issued by any other persons than the Hongkong Electric Co. Ltd.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO. Agents. Hongkong, 9th March, 1920.

NOTICE.

The Master, Owners and Agents of the U.S.S.B. steamer "West Kader" will not be responsible for debts contracted by the crew.

G. JOHNSON, Master. STRUTHERS & DIXON, INC. Agents. Hongkong, 5th March, 1920.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

Monday, the 15th, March 1920, commencing at 11 a.m., at the China Merchant's Steam Navigation Co. Ltd.'s Godown, West Point. (For account of the concerned) 999 Bags Brown Sugar 750 Cases Brown Sugar Terms: Cash on delivery Geo. P. LAMMERT, Auctioneer.

HISTORIC "HOWLERS."

A score or more of choice "howlers," which wear a sufficiently artless and unsophisticated air warrant them genuine products of the youthful student, have been secured by the University Correspondent as the result of a prize competition. The following are excellent examples of that unconscious humour which can so frequently give points to self-conscious essays of the professional jester—

Where are the descendants of the Ancient Britons to be found to-day?—In the British Museum.

During the Reformation every clergyman was compelled to receive 39 articles.

Hermia's father threatened her that if she refused to marry the man he wanted her to, he would put her in a monastery.

Henry VII. should not have been king because his grandfather wasn't really a son of John o' Groats.

The Gauls couldn't take the catapult because Manlius was awake by the quacking of the holy ducks.

The Australian natives soak the dew into sponges to drink when the water is dry.

The Reform Bill was presented to Parliament. It managed to pass three houses, but was then thrown out of the window.

How would you make soft water hard?—Freeze it.

Isinglass is a glass used by doctors to look into their patient's eyes with.

The midnight sun is usually called the moon.

In the United States of America people are put to death by electrocution.

Cerberus is a kind of table salt. The expression "chance my arm" means "will you marry me?" The Varsity boat race is rowed from Oxford to Cambridge. The dodo is a bird that is nearly decent now.

G. R.

NOTICE. EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

Temporary men and women teachers are required by the Education Department. Apply stating qualifications and experience to the Education Office.

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG GYMKHANA CLUB.

Notice is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the above named Club will be held on the 16th day of March 1920, at the offices of the Hongkong Jockey Club at 5.30 p.m. for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, confirming the following resolution which was passed at the Annual General Meeting of the Club held at the same place on Monday, February 16th, 1920, namely:—

"That subject to the approval of the Stewards of the Jockey Club, Rule 3 of the Gymkhana Club be altered to read as at present with the addition after the word 'Navy' of the words 'Nor to widows who have not remarried of past members of the Gymkhana Club or to wives and unmarried daughters and sisters of present members.'"

Should the above Resolution be duly passed, the subjoined Resolution will be proposed:—

"That widows who have not remarried of past members and wives and unmarried daughters and sisters of present members, shall (subject to the approval of a majority of the Committee) be entitled to enter and run horses and/or ponies in their own names and colours, which must be registered with the Committee before or at the same time as the entry is made."

H. B. L. DOWBIGGIN, Hon. Secretary. Hongkong, 9th March, 1920.

NOTICE.

THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN & MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

The Twenty-third Ordinary Annual Meeting of Shareholders in the Company will be held at the Offices of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong on SATURDAY the 27th March 1920 at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December 1919 and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from SATURDAY the 20th March 1920 until SATURDAY the 27th March 1920, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN TOMES & CO. General Managers. Hongkong, 9th March, 1920.

NOTICES.

REPULSE BAY HOTEL.

WEDNESDAY, March 10th.—TEA DANCING from 4 to 7 p.m. DINNER DANCE from 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, March 13th.—TEA DANCING from 4 to 7 p.m. DINNER DANCE from 8 p.m.

SUNDAY, March 14th.—Orchestral Concerts during Tiffin and Afternoon Tea.

NOTICE.

National Loans of 3rd and 4th. Year of the Republic.

Subscribers to the above loans are hereby notified that arrangements have been made to proceed with their redemption by a second drawing of the Fourth Year Loan and a third drawing of the Third Year Loan. The date of the drawings and of payment will be announced by the Ministry of Finance.

F. A. AGLEN,

Inspector General of Customs. Inspectorate General of Customs, Peking, 1st March, 1920.

NOTICE.



CONSULADO DE PORTUGAL.

Cerveira de Albuquerque e Castro, Consul Geral, faz saber que a Chancelaria do Consulado de Portugal foi transferida para Queen's Road No. 5, Victoria Buildings.

Cerveira de Albuquerque e Castro, Consul General, announces that the Chancery of the Portuguese Consulate has been transferred to Victoria Buildings, No. 5, Queen's Road. Hongkong, 10th March, 1920.

NOTICE.

HONGKONG TRAMWAY COMPANY LIMITED.

(Incorporated in the United Kingdom)

NOTICE is hereby given that the Colonial (Hongkong) Register of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, 16th March 1920, to WEDNESDAY, 17th April 1920, both days inclusive. By Order of the Board of Directors.

W. E. ROBERTS, Secretary. Hongkong, 8th March, 1920.

NOTICE.

THE GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LTD.

THE THIRTY FIRST ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Offices of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong on SATURDAY the 20th day of March, 1920, at 11.30 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1919 and declaring a Dividend.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY the 11th March, 1920 until SATURDAY the 20th March, 1920, both days inclusive.

By order of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS. Hongkong, 5th March, 1920.

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

The Thirty-sixth Ordinary annual Meeting of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria on THURSDAY the 18th March, 1920 at 11 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1919, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from SATURDAY the 13th March 1920 until THURSDAY the 18th March 1920 both days inclusive.

SHEWAN TOMES & CO. General Managers.

NOTICE.

NEW FRENCH LOAN 5%.

Price of issue Frs 100 Redeemable at Frs: 150 in 60 years by half yearly drawings.

Interest payable on the 1st of May & 1st of November. Drawings to take place on the 16th of March & the 16th of September of each year.

1st drawing on the 16th of September 1920. 1st coupon of Frs: 3.50 to be paid on the 1st of November 1920.

Subscriptions will be received up to the 10th of March next by the:

BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE L. Berindoague, Manager.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Fifty-first Ordinary Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned at Noon on TUESDAY the 30th instant.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 16th to the 30th instant, both days inclusive.

JARDINE MATHESON & CO., LTD. General Managers. Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Ltd. Hongkong, 11th March, 1920.

NOTICE.

1920-21.

Sealed Tenders will be received at the R.N. Hospital until 10 a.m. on the 20th March, 1920, from persons desirous of supplying Beef, Mutton, Fowls, Pork, Bread, Cheese, Pure Cow's Milk, Aerated Waters, Ice, and other provisions, and necessaries for the year ending 31st March, 1921.

Printed Forms of Tender and further particulars can be obtained at the R.N. Hospital. The right to reject the lowest or any Tender is reserved.

C. S. WOODWRIGHT, Surgeon Captain, R.N. R.N. Hospital, Hongkong, 11th March, 1920.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from Messrs. Thoresen & Co. to sell by Public Auction on

Tuesday, the 18th May, 1920, commencing at 3 p.m.

at his Sale Rooms, Duddell Street The Steamer "DAGMAR" as she now lies in the Menam River, Bangkok, with all her machinery, gear and appurtenances etc.

1457 tons gross Reg. 921 tons net Reg. 1800 tons deadweight capacity on 17 feet mean draft Speed 10 knots

This steamer went ashore in the Gulf of Siam, was salvaged, and towed to Bangkok, where she was dry-docked and patched up.

Inspection orders on application to the East Asiatic Co. Ltd., Bangkok.

The steamer to be at purchasers risk after fall of hammer, when purchase money is to be paid.

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FOR SALE.

FOR SALE.—One Sulzer Diesel Engine 300 H.P. direct coupled to a 200 K.W. Alternator. Full Specification can be obtained at the office of the Hongkong Electric Co. Ltd., St. George's Buildings. The Plant can be inspected at the Company's Works, Wing Fung Street, Wanchai. The Company are prepared to accept an offer for the Engine without the Alternator.

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FRIDAY, MARCH 19th THE MARRIAGE OF KITTY

By Cosmo Gordon Lennox. "There is a laugh in every line."—The Statesman.

"The most distinguished company that has visited India."—The Englishman. "The acting is brilliant."—The Times of India. "The lesser lights shine gloriously."—Bombay Chronicle.

SPECIAL MATINEE: SATURDAY, MARCH 20th at 5.15 p.m.

PENELOPE

and at 9.15 p.m. THE MARRIAGE OF KITTY.

MONDAY & TUESDAY, MARCH 22nd & 23rd

The Delightful Romantic Comedy

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By Captain Robert Marshall. "A perfect Gem of Comedy."—The Statesman.

WEDNESDAY & THUR., MARCH 24th & 25th

COUSIN KATE

By Hubert Henry Davis. "A flawless performance."—The Statesman. "It held us spellbound."—Times of India. "A thing of beauty and a joy for ever."—Bombay Chronicle.

FRIDAY, MARCH 26th OUTCAST

An Indictment. By Hubert Henry Davis. "Never have we witnessed finer emotional acting."—Times of India.

SPECIAL MATINEE: SATURDAY, MARCH 27th at 5.15 p.m.

OUTCAST

and at 9.15 p.m. Mrs. DOT

By W. Somerset Maugham. "Marie Tempest is Mrs. Dot. Nobody else could play."—The Statesman.

MONDAY, MARCH 28th Mrs. DOT.

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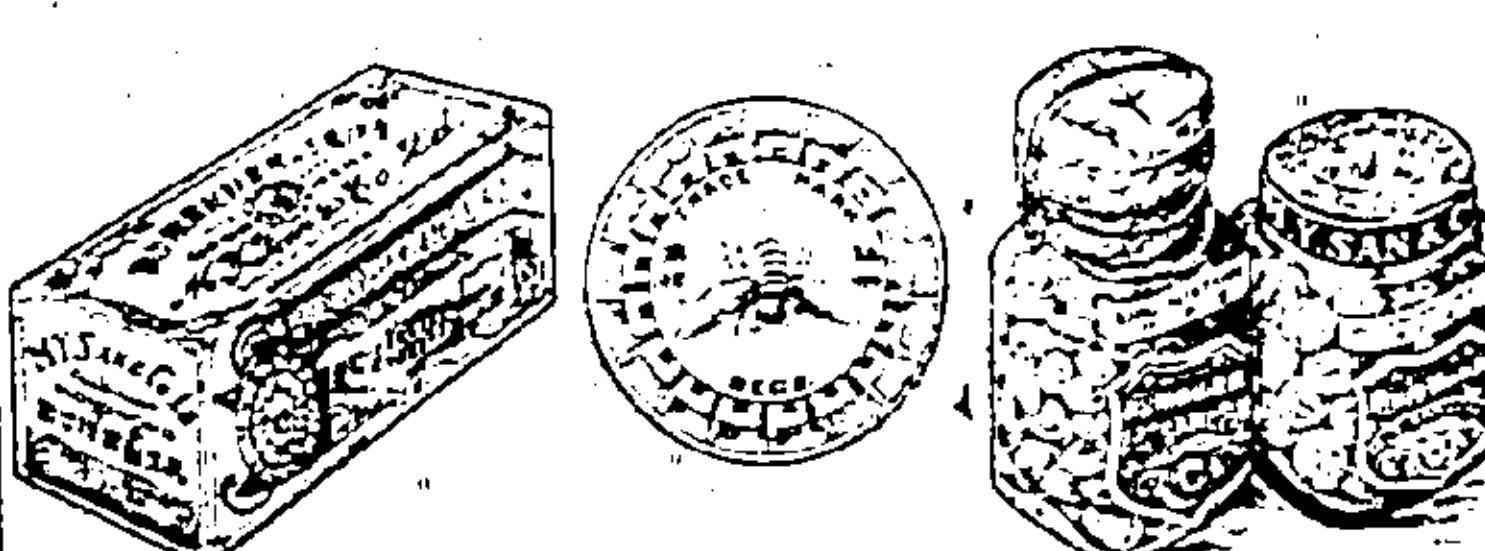
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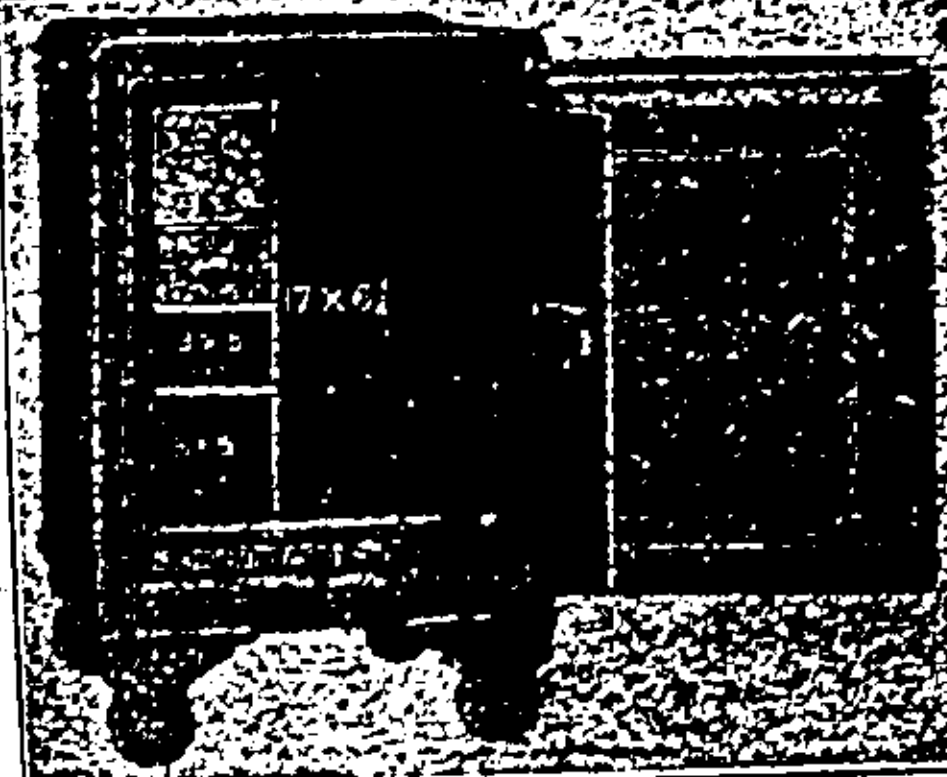
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CONSIGNEES.

THE ADMIRAL LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

"SAGAPORACK"

having arrived from New York ports, on 5th inst. consignees are hereby notified that their cargo is being landed at their risk into the Hazardous and/or Extra-Hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, and stored at consignees' risk.

Consignees of cargo must produce an Import permit signed by the Superintendent of Imports and Exports, Hongkong, before Bills of Lading will be countersigned.

All broken, chafed and damaged cargo is to be left in the Godowns, where it will be examined at 10 a.m. on 10th inst. by the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. C. Hard & Douglas.

All claims must be presented within 30 days of the steamer's arrival here, after which they cannot be recognized.

No claims will be recognized after the goods have left the Godowns, and cargo undelivered on and after 12th inst. will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature immediately.

PACIFIC STEAMSHIP CO.

Hongkong, 5th March, 1920.

THE ADMIRAL LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

"ABERCOSS"

having arrived from Portland, Ore. via ports, on March 10th, consignees are hereby notified that their cargo is being landed at their risk into the Hazardous and/or Extra-Hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, and stored at consignees' risk.

Consignees of cargo must produce an Import permit signed by the Superintendent of Imports and Exports, Hongkong, before Bills of Lading will be countersigned.

All broken, chafed and damaged cargo is to be left in the Godowns where it will be examined at 10 a.m. on March 15th, by the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard and Douglas.

All claims must be presented within thirty days of the steamer's arrival here, after which they cannot be recognized. No claims will be recognized after the goods have left the Godowns, and cargo undelivered on and after March 17th, will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature immediately.

U. S. SHIPPING BOARD.

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CONSIGNEES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

PACIFIC MAIL S.S. CO., LTD.

S.S. "WEST SEQUANA."

From SAN FRANCISCO via JAPAN PORTS, SHANGHAI and MANILA.

The above mentioned vessel having arrived from the above mentioned Ports, consignees of cargo are hereby informed that their cargo will be landed at their risk into the Pacific Mail Steamship Company's godowns at West Point, and stored at Consignees' risk.

Consignees of cargo are hereby notified that they must produce an Import Permit signed by the Superintendent of the Imports and Exports, Hongkong, before bills of Lading can be countersigned.

All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on March 11th at 10 a.m.

All claims must be presented within a week of the steamer's arrival here, after which they cannot be recognized.

No claim will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns and all goods remaining undelivered after March 12th, will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature immediately.

PACIFIC MAIL S.S. CO.

As Operators, U.S. Shipping Board.

Hongkong, 5th March, 1920.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "MAQUAN" Voy 1—West

From Seattle via JAPAN.

The above mentioned vessel having arrived from the above mentioned Ports, Consignees of cargo are hereby informed that their cargo is being landed at their risk into the Hazardous and/or extra Hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf & Godowns Co., Ltd., Kowloon, and stored at Consignees' risk.

All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on 16th instant at 10 a.m.

All claims must be presented within a week of the steamer's arrival here after which they cannot be recognized.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after 16th instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature immediately.

FRANK WATERHOUSE & CO.

As Operators.

U. S. SHIPPING BOARD.

3rd Floor, Hotel Mansions.

THE U. S. ARMY.

Washington, Feb. 26.—The Army Reorganization Bill provides a strength of 17,190 officers and 292,000 men, including the Philippine scouts. It recognizes aviation as a fourth branch of the service along with the infantry, cavalry and artillery, with a major general in command. It also provides liberally for the building up of the national guard, which is to consist of eight hundred men from each congressional district. Until July 1st, 1921, guard enlistments are to be from one to three years.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

The Steamship
"VAN WAERWYCK"
From SINGAPORE, PENANG,
BELAWAN DELI.

having arrived from the above ports, consignees of cargo by her are notified that all goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by the 13th March 1920 will be subject to rent. All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the godowns, where they will be examined on the 12th March 1920 at 10 a.m. by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

Claims against the steamer must be presented in writing within ten days after arrival of steamer, otherwise they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by the undersigned in any case whatever.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN.

Agents.

Hongkong, 9th March, 1920.

WEST-END RECTOR KILLED.

Prebendary Francis Scott Webster, rector of All Souls, Langham-place, W., has died in St. Mary's Hospital, after being knocked down by a motor-car in Baker-street. Mr. Webster, who was 60 years of age, had been rector of All Souls for over 20 years. He was prebendary of Browns-wood, at St. Paul's Cathedral, had been connected with Church Army Training Homes in London, and at one time was secretary of the Religious Tract Society. He has represented missionary societies abroad, and some years ago headed a Kenseit Convocation Deputation to China. For a brief two years he was chaplain to the Soldier's Christian Association in France.

EXCHANGE.

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T/T Demand	5/3
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T/T Shanghai	Nom.
T/T Singapore	236 1/2
T/T Japan	203
T/T India	206 1/2
Demand, India	206 1/2
T/T San Francisco	96 1/2
T/T San Francisco & New York	241
T/T Marks	Nom.
T/T Francs	13.00
Demand, Paris	—

BUYING.

4 m/s. L/C	5/5 1/4
4 m/s. D/F	5/5 3/4
6 m/s. L/C	5/6
30 d/s. Sydney and Melbourne	5/6 1/4
30 d/s. San Francisco & New York	98 1/4
4 m/s. Marks	Nom.
4 m/s. Francs	13.50
6 m/s. Francs	13.65
Demand, Germany	Nom.
Demand, New York	36 3/4
T/T Bombay	206 1/2
Demand, Bombay	—
T/T Calcutta	206 1/2
Demand, Calcutta	—
Demand, Manila	187
Demand, Singapore	226 1/4
On Haiphong	Nom.
On Saigon	Nom.
On Bangkok	Nom.
Sovereign	3.75 Nom.
Gold leaf per Tael	28.60
Bay Silver, ready	75
forward	75 1/2

SUBSIDIARY COINS.

DISCOUNT PER \$100:

H'kong 50 cent pieces	\$6 dis.
10 "	\$6.50 dis.
5 "	\$14 dis.
Canton coins	\$2 dis.

MEMORIAL TO WELSH COMPOSER.

The late Evan James, composer of "Land of My Fathers," the most widely sung air in the Welsh language, is to have his memory perpetuated by a monument at Pontypridd.

UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS.

EASTERN EXTENSION AUSTRALASIA & CHINA TELEGRAPH CO.

List of Unclaimed Telegrams lying in the E. E. Telegraph Office at Hongkong:—

Attenat, from New York.

Bradles, from Rangoon.

Chukyoira, from Bombay.

Frame, Care Hongkong Hotel, from New York.

Hiptal, from London.

Kygerl, from Bagota.

Pangdabu (2), from Calcutta.

Robikon, from Lapas.

Welljater, from London.

D. de H. FARRANT, Superintendent,

Hongkong, Mar. 4, 1920.

THE GREAT NORTHERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY, LTD.

The following Unclaimed Telegrams are lying here:—

Singlee, from Kobe.

Kwangtala next of Sincere Co., from Shanghai.

Kwarchiang, from Amoy.

Wingtungchong, from Shanghai.

Captain Usui Hwahwa, Yusenkaisha, from Kobe.

Oginomatsu Barahatee, from Tanokuchi.

Courtees, from Shanghai.

World Insurance Co., from Shanghai.

Yulsi, from Amoy.

Fredrick A. Smith Butterfield Swire, s.s. Sunning, from Shanghai.

Sintheek, from Amoy.

Shunon, from Shanghai.

Shunette Trade Commissioner, from Shanghai.

Soonhai, from Amoy.

Vanfontong, Tafudoll Steamer, from Shanghai.

1738, 5705, 5827, etc. from Amoy.

Shunhu, from Shanghai.

Yathung, Teasalon c/o Pong-wanten Sektongtsui, from Amoy.

Tousakazu, from Osaka.

T. KRING, Superintendent,

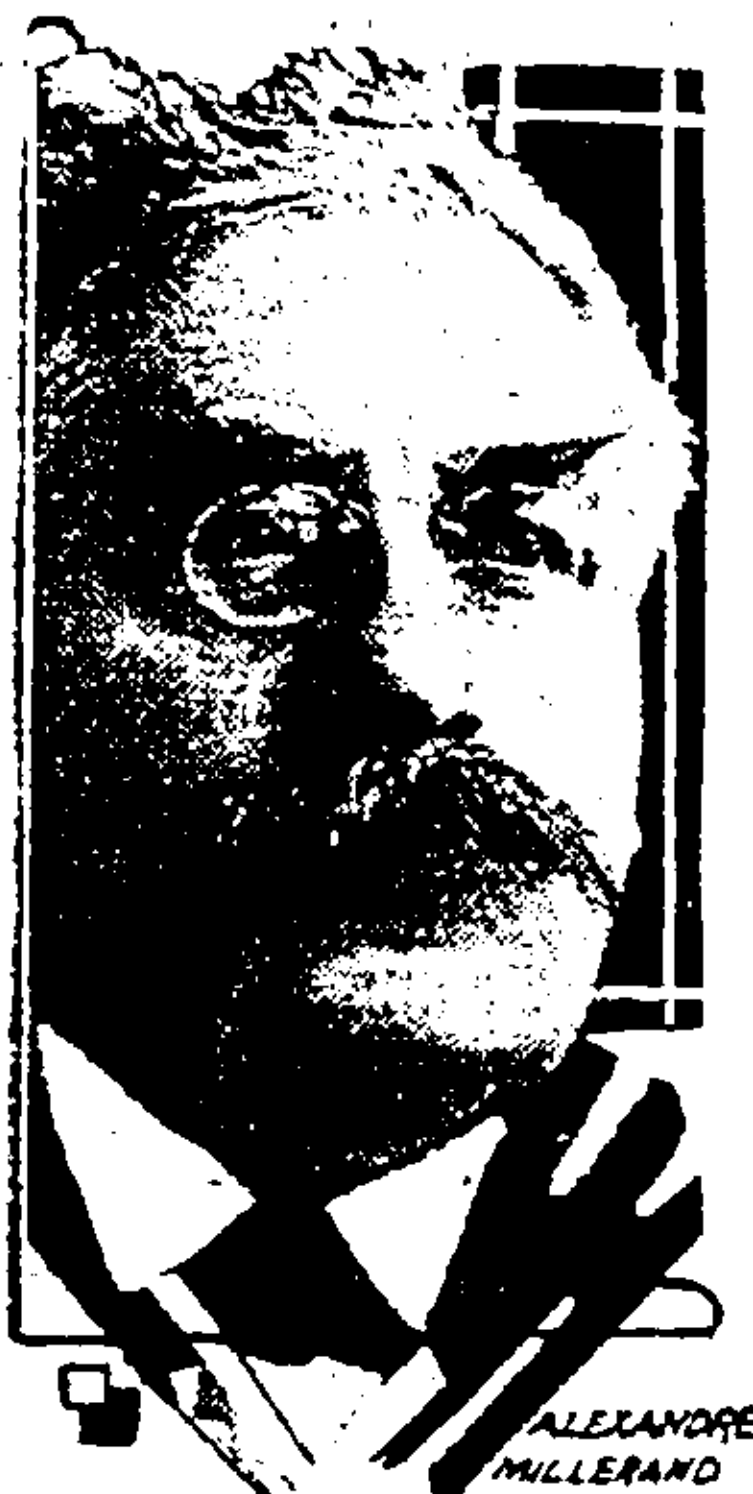
Hongkong, March 5, 1920.

FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

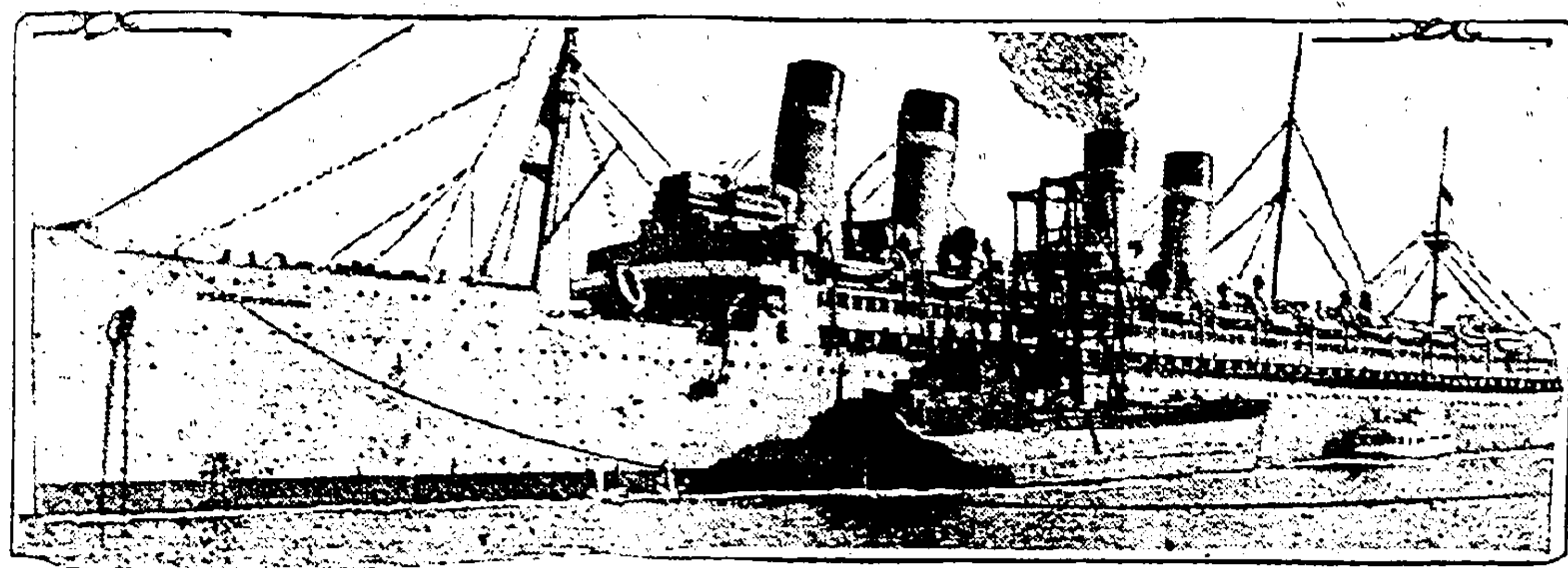
His English Must Be Precious Stuff!

BY BLOSSER.

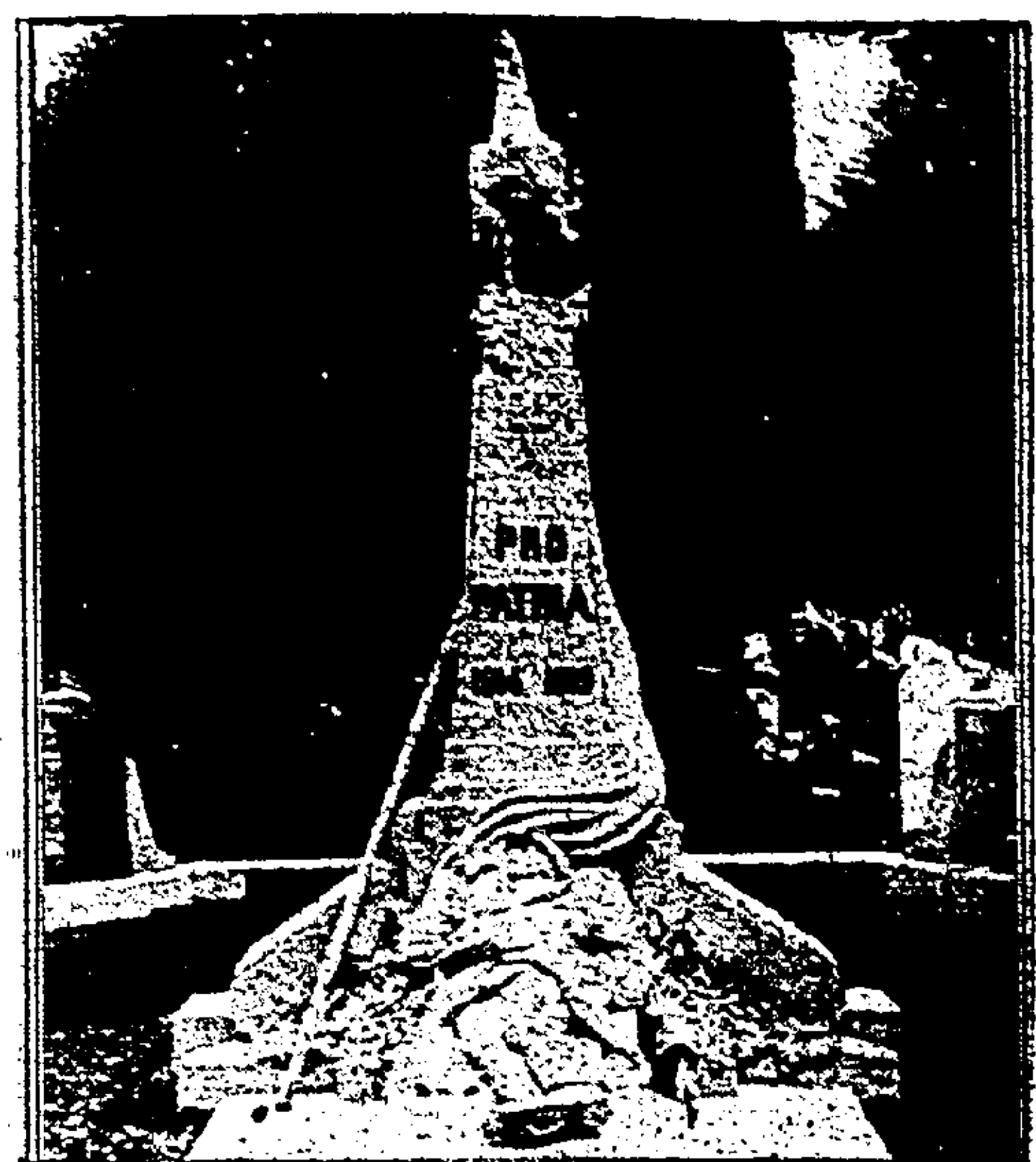
TO-DAY'S PICTURES.



NEW FRENCH PREMIER.



Above is seen the s.s. "Mount Vernon" which was formerly the German liner "Kronprinzessin Cecelie." She is on her way to the Far East, presumably to take back the last boatload of U. S. troops from Siberia.



TO ALLIED HEROES WHO DIED IN SWITZERLAND.

The Memorial at Clarens-Montreux to the Allied soldiers who died during their internment in Switzerland. The French chanticleer is perched on the top of a thick square pillar on the forward face of which is inscribed in bronze "Pro Patria" 1914-1919.



BOLSHEVIK LEADER AND HIS STAFF.

General Czerny of the Bolshevik Army with members of his staff photographed at the Bolshevik Army headquarters near Petrograd. All carry grenades in their belts.



GERMAN MILITARY MANOEUVRES.

Photo shows Herr Noske, Minister of Defence in the German Cabinet, watching operations of troops at the recent military manoeuvres held at Potsdam. "



M. LEON BOURGEOIS.

French member of the Council of the League of Nations, former Premier and Senator. He is an ardent advocate of the League of Nations and presided at the first session in Paris.

DOINGS OF THE DUFFS

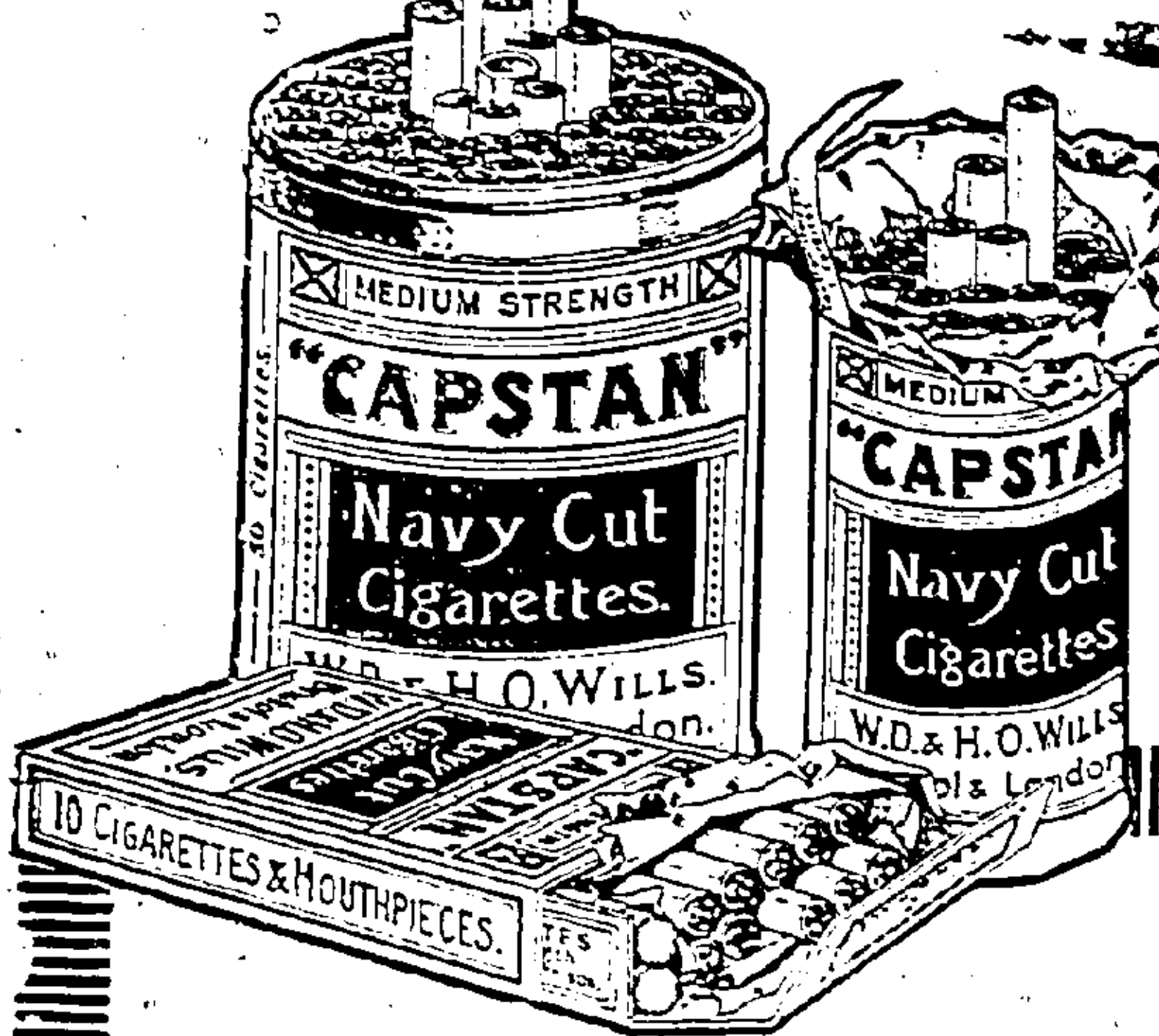
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L. Invest.	n. 107
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Hongkong, Mar. 11, 1920.

WEATHER REPORT.

Mar. 11d. 11h. 65m. No return from Japan and Vladivostok. Pressure has increased considerably over Shanghai; other changes are slight. A depression covers Tongking, and an anticyclone is developing to the north of the Yalu.

The monsoon will probably freshen along the coast and over the N. China Sea during the next 24 hours.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. today, 0.1 inch. Total since January 1st, 3.03 inches, against an average of 3.90 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

Forecast District. E. winds, moderate; freshening later from N. E. clouds with fog with rain. The same as No. 1.

1 Hongkong to Gap Rock. The same as No. 1.

2 Pormosa Channel. The same as No. 1.

3 South coast of China (b.) The same as No. 1.

4 South coast of China (b.) The same as No. 1.

5 H.K. and Hainan (b.) The same as No. 1.

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Hongkong Observatory, Mar. 11, 1920.

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VESSELS ARRIVED.

The s.s. LAKE FAULK, a U. S. Shipping Board vessel consigned to the Pacific Mails Steamship Co., arrived from Calcutta yesterday afternoon with 3,165 tons of general merchandise for Hongkong. She brought no mails.

From Yokohama the COM-MANDANT MAGES, belonging to the Messageries Maritimes fleet, brought yesterday a through cargo of 5,500 tons. Mooring, Kowloon Wharf.

From Marseilles the NICHIO MARU, brought yesterday 324 bales of cotton for Hongkong and 15,943 bales of cotton and 40 cases of shark fins for through destinations. She belongs to the N. Y. K. fleet. Mooring, B 22.

METEOROLOGICAL.

Previous.	Day On date.	On date.
Barometer	29.85	29.85
Temperature	64	68
Humidity	94	79
Wind Direction	E	E
Force	4	1
Weather	cf	o
Rain	0.00	0.00
Exposure open air Temperature on 10th	63	63
Current	11th	67
H.K. Observatory, Mar. 11, 1920.		
T. F. CLAXTON, Director.		

FUND FOR DISABLED CLOSED.

The Council of the King's Fund have decided to close the fund at an early date, and no application for grants were accepted after January 31. The fund was created 18 months ago to assist disabled officers and men on their return to civil life to start in business. Close upon £1,250,000 has been received and disbursed in 34,000 grants. Since March last the same ground has been covered by the Civil Liability Committee.

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INWARD MAILS.

Straits—Per LAKE FAULK, 11th Mar.
Europe via Suez—Per JASON, 11th Mar.
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Straits—Per WAKASA M., 13th Mar.
Shanghai—Per TOTTORI M., 13th Mar.
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Shanghai and Japan—Per CAL-CUTTA MARU, 16th Mar.
Shanghai and Japan—Per SHID-ZUOKA M., 17th Mar.
Australia and Manila—Per NIKKO MARU, 22nd Mar.

OUTWARD MAILS.

TO-MORROW.

Philippine Islands—Per YUEN-SANG, 12th Mar., 2 p.m.
Shanghai and North China—Per TEAN, 12th Mar., 3 p.m.
Shanghai and North China—Per KWEILIN, 12th Mar., 5 p.m.
SATURDAY, 13TH MARCH.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa via Takao—Per SOSHU MARU, 13th Mar., 9 a.m.
Haiphong, Saigon—Per LAKE GILPEN, 13th Mar., 9 a.m.
Japan via Moji, Honolulu, San Francisco—Per ANYO M., 13th Mar., 11 a.m.

Weihaiwei and Tientsin—Per KUEICHOW, 12th Mar., 2 p.m.

Tientsin—Per CHEONGSHING, 13th Mar., 5 p.m.

Shanghai and North China—Per CHOYSANG, 13th March, 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, 14TH MARCH.

Swatow, Amoy and Formosa via Keelung—Per AMAKUSA MARU, 14th Mar., 9 a.m.

TUESDAY, 16TH MARCH.

Swatow and Bangkok—Per CHENG TU, 16th Mar., 9 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy & Foochow—Per HAIHONG, 16th Mar., noon.

Amoy, Shanghai and N. China—Per ICHANG, 16th Mar., 3 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 17TH MARCH.

Shanghai, North China, Japan via Nagasaki, Canada, United States, Central and South America & EUROPE via VICTORIA B.C.—Per FUSHIMI M., 17th Mar., Reg. 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.

THURSDAY, 18TH MARCH.

Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, S. Africa, India via Dharushkodi, Egypt & EUROPE via MARSEILLES—Per SHIDZUOKA M., 18th Mar., Reg. 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.

FRIDAY, 19TH MARCH.

Swatow, Amoy & Foochow—Per HAICHING, 19th March, noon.

MONDAY, 22ND MARCH.

Chefoo and Dairen—Per HSIN PING ON, 22nd Mar., noon.

TUESDAY, 23RD MARCH.

Japan via Nagasaki—Per NIKKO M., 23rd Mar., 10 a.m.

THURSDAY, 25TH MARCH.

Shanghai, North China & Japan via Kobe—Per TAMBAMARU, 25th Mar., 10 a.m.

SUNDAY, 28TH MARCH.

Philippine Islands, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island—Per TANGO M., 28th Mar., Reg. 9 a.m. Letters 9 a.m.